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Quotation for Winter

"Nothing about being a woman is easy but everything about it is beautiful."

Dorothy Rochon Powers

WITH THIS ISSUE—Winter 1974-75 of the Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine, your editor completes her first year of publication. It has been a real experience and as is true in most experiences there have been the high points and the low. Fortunately the highs far outnumber the lows.

To give credit to all who have been so helpful in this "rookie year" would take more space than is available here. But gold stars should be distributed lavishly. So first go 13 shining ones to the members of Theta's Grand Council. Their help, cooperation and their never-failing confidence have been invaluable. Here in Central Office Marge McAdams has kept your editor on an even keel while Barb Mayer has typed what often seemed like miles of lists. Pat Frey, knowledgeable about many of the convention details helped put together the Autumn Issue. And in not so far away Noblesville, Indiana, Mary Margaret Garrard stood ready at all times to untangle editorial problems that seemed to arise at the most inopportune times. And finally as well as to the aforementioned people, handfuls of stars flung wide, to all the wonderful Theta alumnæ and active members who sent in stories and pictures and showed a real interest in their Theta Magazine.

So arrives a New Year and with it the hope and determination to keep Theta's kite flying high during every season of the year and in every place around the world where Theta sisters live and work and play.

At Theta's 1974 Grand Convention Dorothy Rochon Powers, speaking at the Panhellenic Luncheon emphasized a thought worth cherishing when she said, "Nothing about being a woman is easy—but everything about it is beautiful. Here in this room today we have two priceless heritages: We are women, and we are Americans. . . . Achieve with dignity, carry your accomplishments modestly—and be unremittingly proud you are a Panhellenic woman!"



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COVER: For this holiday issue Theta sends its kite soaring high to places near and far. It carries a message of joy for the holidays, good health and a wealth of happiness for the coming New Year, and a message to all for Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

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Established 1885

The tiny gold pansy marking my fiftieth year as a Theta, came as a total—and somewhat tearful—surprise!

Also, I must say I felt a tinge of guilt to have been so remembered. I was "in school" as we said at Colorado, only two years, came to California on vacation, and never returned to Colorado or college! I affiliated with the Los Angeles alumnæ chapter, and made many dear friends. I still belong, but I must confess that I have never been as active as I should have been.

There are, I believe, extenuating circumstances! For one thing, I am a writer. During my California years, I have sold over two thousand interviews dealing with the life and times of motion picture people. Nowadays, one writes about television personalities.

With Tay Garnett, I have written two books, one is his autobiography Light Your Torches and Pull Up Your Tights, released in July, 1973, and the second is a murder mystery now in the hands of a publisher. The final title has not been determined. I'm halfway through a third book with a local cateress named Marie Sawyer. A report of her experiences—always bearing in mind that she was trained as a concert pianist—is very funny, I think, and is to be titled Positively the Oldest Profession. We hope to have that in the hands of my agent before March 1, 1975.

Also, when I married, I became simultaneously wife, mother of three daughters, mother-in-law of one son. Eight months later I became a grandmother, which indicates the speed possible over certain California routes! Now, twenty-six years later, I am mother of three, mother-in-law of three, grandmother of eleven, and great-grandmother of three. Perhaps that will explain why I have not been as active in the Theta alumnæ as I should have.

We are a "Greek" family: one daughter is a Tri Delt, one is a Pi Phi, and one granddaughter is an Alpha Phi.

However, in my life, Theta has always played a most important part, and in these days when the fraternity system is called into question, I explain its idealistic foundations and its intention to develop a nobler womanhood.

Forgive me for writing at so great a length, but—once I started—I had to explain, by implication at least, the importance of Kappa Alpha Theta to me.

Cordially Yours In Theta

FREDDA DUDLEY BALLING (Univ. of Colorado)

Here is the story of my twice lost and recovered Theta pin. February 1917, I was initiated into Alpha Lambda Chapter at the University of Washington. I lived in the Theta House the four years until graduation. The summer of 1917, a few Thetas and I camped in a tent on the beach near Port Townsend, Washington. It was there that I lost my Theta pin in the sand at our tent front. A week later I saw a sparkle in the much tracked sand. It was my Theta pin point.

In 1947, at home in Seattle, I could not find my Theta pin, misplaced no doubt, and hoped for it to show up. It didn't. December 1951, after renting our home furnished, my invalid husband and I sailed to Honolulu to spend the winter, where our son was employed. The first day there at the Moana Hotel my husband said he was never going to leave Hawaii. I was so happy to remain. We did not return to Seattle but bought ocean front property remote from Waikiki, and built five apartments on it. Late in 1952 we sent for some of our lighter weight furniture and a heavy antique desk. Our Seattle house was sold. I was widowed in 1953, leased the property and moved to Waikiki. Several manager couples lived in my resident apartment at the beach front. In 1971, the manager's wife telephoned me, that in cleaning the ashes from the fireplace, she found wedged in the brick a black gold edged pin shaped like a kite. It was my pin in good condition, THETA LOYALTY!

HELEN SUTTHOFF TALBOTT (Univ. of Washington)

The movement for the liberation of women has made its impact on American society. It has sparked fear in the hearts of women and men. Change does not come easily for any of us.

Many groups have worked towards the passage of ERA. They have focused on equal opportunities issues, and lots of hard work is still needed to assure passage. Even though implementation will take many years, to-day's college women will find themselves struggling to achieve. I am sure they will not give up as easily as my generation did.

However, it is in the area of developing women's consciousness that the college fraternity has an enormous opportunity to effect the most basic change. As a sorority woman I find myself defending the potential even as I recognize the failures of the past.

It certainly has been true that joining a sorority meant getting introduced to men. It meant a new circle of friends and an opportunity for making a good match. Marriage was the object. Anything less would be failure.

Careers were only incidental; a way we could earn a little money while young, something to fall back on later, if necessary. (But we all knew that our husbands would provide so well for us that we would never really have to work.) We would rear our children, find social acceptance and fulfillment through volunteer work. Achievements for which we were not paid were to provide a certain elite status.

The sorority served as a dating service and a social

training ground.... Girls were encouraged to strive for good grades, to work at campus activities, to do charity volunteer work—in all ways to prepare themselves to be wives and mothers, to assume prestigious roles. This was our ideal of noble womanhood.

Sisterhood was temporary. Before, and Mrs. . . . We did not face our intellectual competence or even admit it. The need for status was so great that it made us compete for men rather than with men.

I would say that the woman's fraternity has the potential for helping women to see through this. Small group consciousness raising sessions are needed. Where is there better opportunity than within the close bonds of sisterhood?

As I look around at my sisters who fought the notion that marriage and family were the only true fulfillment and count the divorces, I know that we were had. Perhaps it will be different for today's women. The support and love from sisters can enable young women to know themselves as educated and able. The fraternity can accomplish the most important task on campus.

The only way to become liberated is through the support of other women. A loving man is not enough. Status and self worth need not depend on holding a man in marriage.

Redefinition of noble womanhood is called for. Women need to relate to and support sisters FIRST. Relationships to men and children can be satisfying but should never be the definition of ourselves and the limit of our achievement. As sisters together we can strive toward a new ideal.

Sincerely, MARJORIE WILCOX TOWNSEND Denison Univ.

ED'S NOTE: Marjorie Townsend's daughter went away to college in the Fall of 1973. She showed very little interest in joining a sorority. Marjorie believes that the sorority can do something great, but she questions whether or not it does. In remembering the past, she challenges the present and future generations to strive toward worthwhile ideals of sisterhood.

MINI BOOK REVIEW

Gilbertine Moore, Vanderbilt, who authored Gilly Goes to Ward-Belmont, has written a new book, Never Another Mam-Ma, a delightful personality sketch of her grandmother, an extreme individualist who filled her ninety-two-years with zestful living. Gilbertine's nostalgic memoir of her grandmother included all facets of her life, the bad along with the good, her faults along with her virtues. You'll love the account of one of her ten-course luncheons when her guests nearly froze to death. You'll find yourself trying to help "Precious," as the author was lovingly called by her grandmother, find many of the possessions Mam-Ma was always misplacing. You'll enjoy trips with her, especially her yearly six-month stay in St. Petersburg, Florida. Her romantic adventures at the age of eighty-five will bring many a smile, and perhaps a tear. In many ways you'll feel sorry for her during the last three years of her life. But you will finish reading the book with a feeling of warmth and one of having known intimately the grandmother who inspired this charming volume. The book may be ordered directly from Miss Gilbertine Moore, 321 So. College St., Franklin, KY 42134.

Memories are Made of This

Founders' Day was special in Albuquerque and New Mexico this year as the Gamma Omicron chapter at the University of New Mexico celebrated its silver anniversary and alumnæ from the state and nation came for the occasion. And many who could not attend sent wires and letters of congratulations.

Charter members, members of the first pledge classes and colonizers were present to commemorate the occasion and renew past friendships. To list all those outstanding Thetas would be impossible here but it was truly a day of reminiscing at which many alumnæ were honored.

To tie in the 25 year theme the active chapter presented a program of songs of the eradressed in clothing of that day.

It was truly a memorable Founders' Day, especially so, since it was the beginning of annual statewide Founders' Days.

The Boston Alumnæ Club was honored to have Willie Trost Shattuck (Wisconsin) as their Founders' Day speaker. She told of her experiences in many years of service to Theta. She has been President of the Boston Chapter, a member of Grand Council and Secretary of the Foundation. Jessie Chase Eastham (Oregon) who started the Boston Chapter was a guest of honor.

Two hundred and twenty five Southern California Thetas gathered to celebrate Founders' Day at a luncheon sponsored by the Southern California Federation of Kappa Alpha Theta. Grand Council member Sharon Cirese Gassett was the guest speaker—her speech on "Theta Today." Fifty-year Thetas sat at a special table and were introduced. Diane Duncan, Univ. of Calif. (L.A.) and Kathy Morley, Univ. of So. Calif., were awarded charms for actives with outstanding scholarship. A very



Left, Diane Duncan, Kathy Morley

special "Ideal Theta Alumna" award of a gold charm was presented by the Federation to Albertine James for her untiring work and devotion as state chairman.

The Gamma Delta Thetas at the Univ. of Georgia had a very unique and beautiful Founders' Day celebration at their colonial home in Athens. One hundred and twenty sister, pledges and alumnæ from the area enjoyed the affair.

A special presentation was made to Frances Thomas Epting, Southern Methodist Univ., retiring Advisory Board Chairman after 25 years. The chapter presented Frances with a beautiful antique jewelry box ond a silver tray as a token of their appreciation for her loyalty.

Whitman College's Delta Delta chapter and Walla Walla alumnæ shared a very special Founders' Day together. Fifty-year pins were presented to two outstanding Theta Alumnæ. Cletys Gossett Dingle Univ. of Idaho, is well known for her tri-weekly radio program, "Mrs. Dingle's Diary," for homemakers. Faye Norris, Washington State Univ., retired in 1970 after a distinguished career in social work, guidance and counseling in Idaho. She was perhaps the only teacher to have been awarded a citation by the governor for 41 years of outstanding service.

The announcement that Delta Delta had placed highest in scholarship for all groups on campus was greeted with much cheering. End-

ing the occasion was a delicious home cooked buffet supper prepared and served by the alumnæ.

Michigan State's Beta Pi chapter entertained at the Founders' Day celebration jointly planned and attended by actives and alumnæ. Betty Spedding Tobey, DePauw, was honored as a 50-year Theta.

Philadelphia's Alumnæ Chapter celebrated Founders' Day in honoring two cousins, Mildred Thorpe Soast and Margaret Thorpe Smith, Univ. of Pennsylvania, as 50-year Thetas. Miss Lynne Abraham, former executive director of the Philadelphia Re-development Authority, and recent recipient of the Jaycees' Young Leader Award, was the guest speaker. It was voted to donate the \$60.00 profit from the luncheon to Miss Abraham's special project, "Women Organized Against Rape."



Philadelphia's President Annette Harper, lights a Founders' Day Candle.

"LOVE IN THE DUST" BUT TRUE LOVE FOR THETA

Mrs. Robbins was the very oldest member of a Tacoma Alum. Chapter and she told this story of Betty Locke Hamilton's daughter Eulalia. Betty L. H. was still living and her daughter, Eulalia, entered the Chapter as a freshman of Alpha Chapter in De Paux when Mrs. Robbins was in college there and a member of Alpha Chapter, and she told this story to a Tacoma Alum. Chapter where I was a young alum. member where I joined years ago. She described Betty L. H. as a person an exponent of the most exacting type of highest and noblest ideals for young women, and her influence in the De Paux chapter was still most powerful and dynamic.

Today Betty would be regarded as an autocrat and dictator, but in that day of the early appearance of women on college campus the more rigidly women adhered to the rules set for men, the better their chances for success. Fear, perhaps administration, all these were blended in the attitude toward Betty Locke Hamilton. Betty's daughter was to enter college and no one ever dreamed of opposing the idea that Eulalia was to be a Theta. As compared to her mother she was colorless, submerged by her dominant mother, but with ideals, of course.

Great honor and preparation went into her initiation and nothing short of it for Eulalia. After initiation the girls became very fond of Eulalia, for under such excellent exactions she brought a wealth not readily recognized by the chapter. Mrs. Robbins became a good friend of Eulalia's and often visited her at home. Mr. Hamilton, Eulalia's father, was a grocer and was loved by all the Chapter members because of his kindly subdued attitude. On one visit she found the family all away. It was summer and Indiana is dusty.

On the Hamilton porch a huge rubber plant with large curving leaves. Dust had definitely settled on the leaves and Mrs. Robbins, wishing to let them know she had been there, hit on the idea of writing a message to each member on the dusty leaves. With her finger this she did with great flourishes: "Love to Eulalia," "Love to Mr. Hamilton and Betty." She did this out of her love, with no idea of hurting feelings or insinuating that great carelessness prevailed here, that dust be allowed to accumu-

Later she received a letter from Betty reproving her for this late on the plant. bold thing she had done, reflecting on the housekeeping and care-taking ability of the manager of that house.

This was the picture drawn of the sterling qualities and characters of those who founded our Kappa Alpha Theta.

Its foundation was very strong, so it has endured and will

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Editor's Note: This little vignette was contributed by Bertha Povey Davis, 50-year initiate of Beta Theta at the University of Nevada, who found it in her treasured Theta collection. Your editor has decided to use it without editing, believing that any changes would take away the charm of its authenticity. Mrs. Robbins, nee Bertha Robinson Wood was initiated in 1900 and died in 1968.

Sing— Song



A recent winner of the Lincoln chapter's Kite Award has been chosen the 1974 Nebraska Mother of the Year and was one of four who received citations given in New York at the American Mothers Week gathering.

Hazel Struble Stebbins has also been active nationally in Kappa Alpha Theta. She directed the music at the national conventions in Estes Park, Col., Pasadena, Calif., Mackinac Island, Mich., played piano in Asheville, N.C., and edited the Theta Songbook.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska, Hazel received its distinguished service award in 1957 and was the first woman to participate in the NU "Masters Week" in 1965. Masters Week is an annual program which brings distinguished alumni back to the campus to share experiences with students.

She has been women's director of radio station KFOR for a number of years and has hosted the station's Hazel Stebbins Show more than 20 years. She has been Lincoln, state and regional chapter president of American Women in Radio

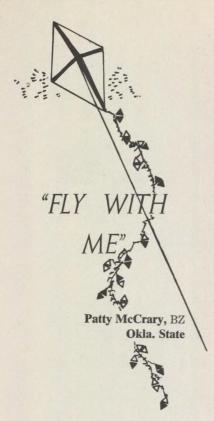
and Television, and was chosen Nebraska's Outstanding Woman Broadcaster.

Hazel helped found the Child Guidance Clinic and was the first president of the Lincoln Rehabilitation Center.

A national vice president of the American Red Cross war fund drive, she also served on the board of trustees of the University of Nebraska Foundation and is past president of the Lincoln Junior League.

She was a member of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women for two terms and chaired a committee which established a code of ethics for county commissioners.

Nationally accredited as a flower show judge, she used her artistic talents to design and decorate her own home and establish "Hazel Stebbins Interiors." She has been active in the Lincoln General Hospital Auxiliary, Girl Scouts, YWCA, PEO, Lotos Club, Altrusa, Patriarchs Club and served as president of the Inter-Club Council.





Patty McCrary and Dinesh Bahadur fly a 45 foot long silver mylar dragon kite.

"With my feet on the ground, I can still be in flight with my fist holding tight, to my own Theta kite." (adapted from Mary Poppins)

Last year while job hunting in San Francisco, I saw something shimmering and silver in the sky, almost like a dragon, glittering in the sun with the Golden Gate Bridge as a backdrop. What a sight! It dipped and dove so beautifully, rippling and swooping daringly.

I followed its Piper-like trail to an open green just a block from Fisherman's Wharf. It was a kite!

I had not flown a kite since the previous spring at our Theta semi-annual kite flight. The young man commanding this silver dragon handed me the string with a smile. After a few minutes I found my spirit actually flying along-side the dragon.

He took me across the street to his brother's kite shop, in Ghirardelli Square, bedecked with more kinds, sizes, shades and colors of kites than I imagined existed. My new friend, Dinesh Bahadur, told me of his life in India and of the exciting competition of kite fighting. In this ancient sport one person, flying a small paper fighter kite with glass coated string, attempts to cut the string of his opponent's kite, also equipped with the cutting line. This can

continue all day, with the winner being the flyer who has cut the strings of the most kites.

Kite fighting has been popular in the Orient, particularly India and my friend and his brother, Rakesh, hold the titles of kite fighting champion of the world and of India, respectively.

However, next came that which I felt more deeply, the aesthetics of kite flying. How could a simple kite grow to mean so much to these people? Read on and you'll learn as I did. Coincidentally, in the spring issue of The Kappa Alpha Theta magazine, Chantal voiced my new friends' feelings toward kites with, "Hope is knowing that people, like kites, are made to be lifted up."

Dinesh spoke of his love for kites as friends, "they give so much joy and ask for nothing in return." They allow your spirit to soar for a time and you imagine yourself lazily floating through the air. No, not lazily . . . it's far more than an escape. I thought then of the high ideals, far reaching goals, and aspirations of Kappa Alpha Theta and the joy it brought to my life.

"All you need is paper and string, we have found our own set of wings."

A TRADITION LIVES ON



Behind a white picket fence stands a gracious old home in what was once Oklahoma territory, built almost 100 years ago. It was built by Thomas George Overstreet and is now occupied by his daughter Margaret and by a son Russell who with his wife, alternate living in the mansion and in their home in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Margaret Overstreet was initiated into Theta at Oklahoma State University, then known as Oklahoma A&M College. She attended Columbia Teachers College (a part of Columbia University in New York City) and for many years enjoyed a nursing career in public health service. In 1943 she returned home to care for her aging mother who was a charming, full blooded Indian.

In describing her home Margaret points out that although the frame mansion shows the wear and tear of time, it is, in almost every respect, just as it was when built by her father. The doors and transoms are all plumbed, some of the original wallpaper is still on some of the walls and many of the original pickets are still in the fence.

Every room has a 14-foot ceiling and massive furniture which would look strangely out of place in today's dwellings. Virtually all of the furnishings are original and have remained in the house because, as one descendent said, "none of the children or grandchildren have

been allowed to haul it off."

In a letter from Opal Skoes Reed, a Beta Zeta sister of Margaret's, she describes some of her memories of life at the Overstreets.

"Things are in the home as they were years ago. For instance the long table with a white cloth has a tall jar at one end with a long handled pitcher to dip the fresh milk with. . . . One was apt to have a home grown, broiled t-bone steak for breakfast and fresh strawberries from the rich garden. The pond was always well stocked with fish."

In these modern times when purely functional homes are replacing those built for gracious living, it is heart warming to know that there are some where tradition takes precedent.



Margaret plays the heirloom family organ still in its place in the old family home.

THE NEW PRAGMATISM: The Arizona Statesman sums up fall, 1974, in a way which reflects East as truly as West, North as well as South. "An emerging trend among today's undergraduate population seems to be a down-to-earth, calculated compulsion to consider practicalities and future life comforts . . . cause orientation and come-what-may perspectives have receded in the face of a tight job market and escalating enrollment in professional schools."

FOR SALE signs have followed bankruptcy notices as a sizeable group of private schools have decided to call it quits in the face of rising costs, dwindling funds and enrollment. The buyers? Maharishi International University has purchased Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa; the University of Houston bought the Parsons library and that of closed St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, Md.; Baptist-owned University of Corpus Christi folded, but the city bought the island campus and gave it to the state to be used as a new campus for Texas Arts and Industries University. These are a few; the list is a lengthy one and includes mergers with other schools as well as outright sales.

SEMI-LITERACY TO ILLITERACY—this is the way educators are beginning to describe today's super-educated college student, a fact parents and employers have been aware of for some time. As English departments in both high schools and colleges have continued to weigh literature in greater and greater proportion to offerings (or requirements) in "composition," students are less and less able to express themselves adequately. The Chronicle of Higher Education (Sept. 23) headlines the situation "Crisis in English Writing," and Modern Language Association's executive secretary, William D. Shaefer is quoted, "On a national level we have failed to meet the challenge of illiteracy among college level students."

A.C.T. and S.A.T. have been formidable ini-

tials to students and parents in recent years so that a recent release from American College Testing Program come as somewhat of a surprise: "We conclude that academic talent as measured by test scores, high school grades, and college grades is not related to significant adult accomplishments." Such conclusions are reached by academic due process, by the keeping of records, tabulating, etc., but it is more than likely that the non-academic world had long ago reached the same conclusion by a somewhat shorter route.

DORMITORIES, some eerily vacant or sparsely populated within the last few years, are once more in demand as campus housing. The students who opted for apartments learned what the rest of the country could have told them—that soaring living costs affect the individual consumer with a greater jar than the multiple dwelling operator (the university) who runs on quantity service and wholesale supplies, not to mention planning know-how. Some schools are even reporting waiting lists for their dormitories, experiencing greater demand than anticipated in alloting space for the 1974-75 school year.

DONATING BLOOD to the growing number of plasma labs, many in college towns, is a currently popular way for students to earn from \$50 to \$60 per month, says *National On-Campus Report*. The pharmaceutical companies operating the increasing number of labs need more blood because many medicines have recently switched from horse plasma to human plasma as a base.

CRIME, as a major topic for discussion, survey, and study, appears in most college-related publications, all the way from the *Chronicle of Higher Education* to individual alumni publications. The *Chronicle* reports one survey which reflects somewhat the way it is: up some places, down at others. Crime prevention has been adopted on some campuses not only as a matter

for student study but as a challenge to student government groups.

THIS YEAR'S FRESHMEN reflect a leveling off in academic motivation, according to recently released S.A.T. scores for 1974 high school graduates. This the College Entrance Examination Board sees as a possible halt to the drop recorded between 1972 and 1973, a steady descent, in fact, over a decade. One point worth noting is that for the first time there were as many women as men taking S.A.T.

CAMPUS ALCOHOLISM is being observed critically from points which have shifted in the past ten years. With many states affirming 18year old majority, drinking privileges included, and even traditionally dry campuses ignoring enforcement of no booze rules, it now remains for the individual to take a good look at himself. An article in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record ("Chug-a-lug," May, 1974) sees drinking induced by fraternity good fellowship as a producer of abusive drinkers who have a good probability of continuing the practice in later life as an answer to stress—even to the point of becoming alcoholics. In many cases, the author says, to participate one must drink simply because nothing else is offered in the way of refreshment.

DRUGS as a campus problem have declined to the point where they are not considered among major campus troubles by most administrators, but the FBI tells us that more than 400,000 marijuana arrests were made in 1973, an increase of more than 100,000 over the previous year. Marijuana currently accounts for 70% of

all drug arrests in the United States. Groups promoting decriminalization of marijuana point to the financial cost as well as the cost in terms of wrecked lives and careers as reason to legalize marijuana.

PANTY HOSE topped blue jeans in female precollege purchases for fall, 1974, according to a marketing survey of first-year college women. Details of this survey are available from Seventeen.

DIAL-A-COURSE: Indiana University offered students a toll-free number by which they could pre-register for fall classes, accepting up to three courses per student through 14 operators on duty to handle calls.

NO SN problic areas of the University of Oregon campus has been banned. Reasons: health hazards both to smokers and non-smokers in immediate area, safety hazards, and attitudes favoring the ban expressed at public hearing.

COMMERCE/INDUSTRY Programmatic College which will "focus on the study of business, commerce, and industry as institutions which have profound effects on our lives" is available to 100 Northwestern University undergraduates. The program is sponsored by Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils to "fill a need that students feel from all schools of the University" since the University's professional business school is not open to undergraduates.

—Prepared by the Operation Brass Tacks Committee of the National Panhellenic Editors Conference.









Lynelle Faircloth ADP V



Carol Armstrong
ADP XIII



Sue Lockett CDP IV



Sharon Wooldridge CDP XII

Introducing.

Alumnæ President, District V-Lynelle Torno Faircloth, Ridgefield, Connecticut, Graduate of Carnegie-Mellon where she was a member of Gamma Theta chapter and was Panhellenic President. Lynelle is a member of the Fairfield County Alumnæ Chapter and a past Cochairman of the Panhellenic High School Program. Her Sigma Alpha Epsilon husband is an airline pilot for Eastern Air Lines and they have one child, a two-year old daughter Gwynne. The League of Women Voters is a special interest, in her community, and in May, 1974 she was sent as a representative of the Ridgefield League to the National Convention in San Francisco. Her interests and hobbies include antiques, traveling, needlepoint, art and gardening.

Alumnæ President, District XIII-Carol Robert Armstrong, St. Louis, Missouri. She was initiated at Randolph-Macon Woman's College -Beta Beta Chapter-and graduated from Duke University where she affiliated with Beta Rho. Carol is immediate past president of the St. Louis Alumnæ Chapter where she undertook the leadership for the chapter's first Santa's House which netted over \$11,000. She also took the part of Mrs. Santa. She has served as chairman of a Flaming Festival, Founders' Day and Fraternity Trends. Civic interests include: St. Louis Symphony Society. Junior League, St. Louis Arts and Educational Council Auction, Girl Scouts, Museum of Science and Missouri Historical Society. Home interests are seven year old Evelyn, Robert, who is three and husband Ted, an attorney.

College District Presidents

College President, District IV—Sue Warburton Lockett, Wichita, Kansas. An Alpha Upsilon Chapter member at Washburn University where she graduated with a B.S. degree, then taught kindergarten and first grade for seven years. She has been president of the Wichita Alumnæ Chapter and has served as Panhellenic representative. She is active in the community in PEO, as President-elect of the Bar Association Auxilliary, Children's Co-ordinator of her church, Parents' Advisory Council and project chairman for her sons' elementary school. Sue's husband, a Phi Delta Theta is an elected judge. Their two sons are five and eight years old. Her hobbies include reading, gardening and golf.

College President, District XII—Sharon Smith Wooldridge, Dallas, Texas. Graduated cum laude from Southern Methodist University. received her B.A. degree in social sciences. During college she was social chairman and pledge education chairman for Beta Sigma Chapter. She attended Grand Conventions in 1964 and 1974. She has served the Dallas Alumnæ Chapter as president of the Night Group, project chairman, membership and yearbook chairman and was serving as president of the chapter when appointed as College District President. Civic activities include active participation in both elementary and Junior High PTA's, Lawyer's Wives and the Goodwill Industries Heirloom Style shows. She also teaches a Bible class in her church. Husband Bob is an attorney and they are the parents of a daughter, 13, and a son, 9.

Introducing "Madam Mayor"

Warm, friendly and vivacious Frances Karpe Wood is the first woman to become major of Fullerton, California. She is an activist and positive; able to break ground without being deterred by fear of failure or of making mistakes.

"One of the things I do is jump off on a road where there are no guidelines," she admits. But she's mellowed in 16 years. "I used to be a Don Quixote but I've learned you have to wait for help in fighting windmills."

Frances Wood went the usual nursery school, P.T.A. and Scouts' route and then had the whole effort pay off in a rousing support that swept her into office in 1970 as Fullerton's first Councilwoman. She has a degree in art from the University of California at Santa Barbara where she was a charter member of Gamma Rho Chapter, was on the student body council, in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and represented the World Student Service Fund in the Swiss Alps.

Frances came to Fullerton in 1968 and took an early interest in park and recreation programs. Her concern with some inadequacies in the park programs for children led her to City Council meetings and later when the Parks and Recreations system was revamped, she was asked to serve on the commission for five years. She became Vice-Mayor in 1972 and in 1974 the first woman to become the city's Mayor. Her supporters worked hard for it and would have stood for nothing less.

"I picked up a lot of friends along the way," she was saying as she ironed a shirt for her husband Carl. "I have them to thank for getting me elected. Her married daughter Elaine, and college son Bruce, helped with her campaign.

On the Feminist Movement she says, "I liberated myself when I was 18 and left home to go on my own. I don't believe in militant women's views and my family would always come first. But women are discriminated against in some areas. You just accept it the best you can." She feels the Lib movement will accom-



plish something. "Whether or not it is what they want, I don't know."

"But look at it this way. In this new job, I don't expect doors to be held open for me, but on the other hand, if something that requires muscle needs to be moved for me, I think it's common sense for a strong man to do it. If, on the other hand, a man is going to have his picture taken in two minutes and he turns up with a button missing, I'll sew it on for him. It's as simple as that."

Frances is firmly convinced that "a world without books is a non-world."

"Read all you can and learn enough about any one subject that interests you (water, pollution, schools) so you can communicate with professionals in that field. I did my homework," she concluded.

During a short, earlier period of her life, frustrations turned her to reading religious works of such authors as Erich Fromm, Albert Camus, John Paul Sartre and Thomas Merton. She thinks of this as an important growing experience in her life, in which she developed compassion and learned to love people who seemed unlovable. "I've known people from all walks of life; rich and poor, young and old, black and white, and I think I can act as a gobetween for them at City Hall. I feel for them all, because I've been close to them.

Nona Markland Wyatt Sandra Macaulay Dorris

CAREERS AND JOB JOTTINGS

If you were bailing out your home after the Flood of '73, or waving a protest placard while walking a picket line, or holding a press conference in the St. Louis Mayor's office, chances are you'd get to know Betsey Barnette Bruce, Univ. of Missouri. Since her graduation in 1970, she has been reporting for KMOX, the CBS owned and operated television station in St. Louis, and her brand of factual reporting and personal charm has won her fans and professional respect in a city whose news media is among the best in the country.

Betsey comes from a family of journalists. Her maternal grandfather, George Statt Lasher, founded the Ohio Univ. School of Journalism; her father, Kenneth Barnette, was a reporter for the *Buffalo Evening News* and later, editor of the Amherst Bee. Her mother, Mary Elizabeth Myers Barnette, worked for several magazines and newspapers and took over as editor of the Amherst Bee for several years after her husband's death.

Betsey grew up in Tonawanda, N.Y., a suburb of Buffalo, where her stint as a radio correspondent for WBEN-AM while she was attending the 1965 Girl Scout Roundup in Farragut, Idaho, inspired her to follow in her family's footsteps. But we're sure that when she promised the Girl Scouts to be "brave," "courteous," and "cheerful" she didn't anticipate being fished out of the swollen Meramec River when the Coast Guard dinghy from which she was reporting the Flood of '73 completely confounded her pilot, newly retired from a desk job.

When Betsey went to the Univ. of Missouri to major in the Radio-TV sequence in the School of Journalism, she did reporting and airwork for the university's commercial television station, KOMU, and local radio station, KFRU in Columbia, MO. She was editor of the



campus paper, The Maneater; member of the Homecoming Steering Committee for two years; charter member of Mer d'elles, Navy ROTC auxiliary, and its commander; member of Mortar Board and LSV; Fraternity Trends Chairman of Alpha Mu Chapter; and a graduate with honors.

The St. Louis Alumnæ Chapter has benefited from

Betsey's talents and is proud of her many accomplishments, not least of which is starting a family tradition of her own: one of her sisters, Melanie, is an active Theta at Purdue.

Patricia McGee White

Youth-oriented is Elizabeth Marten, Illinois, who has been appointed legislative assistant to the national representative of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. As a staff mem-



ber in the national office in Washington, D.C., she will monitor federal legislation that concerns youth serving organizations and their programs.

Before joining the Girl Scout organization, Elizabeth served as a staff member of the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency chaired by Senator Birch Bayh. Other responsibilities were directed toward legislative and investigative research and a review of floor statements and speeches for Senator Bayh.

Linda Korber, Santa Barbara, was recently appointed Assistant to the Dean of Architecture and Fine Arts, at the Univ. of Southern California. Previous to this position, Linda worked as a coordinator in Kansas City, MO and Washington DC for The Student Vote, a non-profit organization which sponsored programs to register the 18-year-olds.

Sherrie Stephens Cutler, Northwestern, is the talented Executive Vice-President of Ecodesign, a company equipped to serve both public and private clients in search of innovative architects, urban designers and environmental land planners. Teamed up with her husband Laurence, their unique approach is exemplified by the name Ecodesign, which has been defined as "the habitat of environments that influences the mode of life or the course of development of a community."

The Cutlers revamped the New Bedford Zoo with a simple suggestion: Since wolves and pumas adapt more easily to a winter environment, why not replace elephants and African lions with wolves and pumas. They renovated Suffolk Downs for Bill Veeck, and planned urban renewal projects for Fall River and Pittsfield, Mass., and Rome, N.Y. They also planned an environ-

mentally suitable scheme for a ski resort at Sugarloaf, USA, and a new merchandising concept for downtown Gardiner, Maine, shopping area.

Well qualified for her work, Sherrie completed her B.A. at Smith College, and received a Masters degree both in Architecture and Architecture in Urban Design from Harvard Univ. Graduate School of Design.

What is it like—as a newcomer to the insurance business, and women, in what has traditionally been a man's field—to become immersed in the college market? For Mary Jordan Gregory, recent graduate from College of William and Mary, it has been an exciting experience. Following a training program at the Hartford head-quarters of Aetna Life Insurance Co., Mary was assigned to the William and Mary campus in the company's College Marketing Program. She will be selling a special life insurance policy for college seniors and graduates.

Mary credits her background of Theta experience responsible for giving her the company's required qualities of ambition, innovation and initiative. She was treasurer of her chapter; vice-president and pledge trainer in 1973-74 when 36 new members were pledged. Because this is such a new field for young women, Mary is hoping to find other Thetas who have chosen insurance as a career.

Sue Anne Starnes Gilroy has recently been nominated by Mayor Richard G. Lugar for the post of Director of Parks and Recreation. She will be the youngest person ever to be nominated for one of the city's Unigov departments and she will be the administrator of a budget of over six million dollars. Part of her job will be administration of 200 pieces of real estate in the county.

Sue graduated from DePauw where she was president of the chapter, and later served as Alpha's advisory board chairman.

Barbara Driver Newman, Vermont, has been made manager of a branch bank of the Lincoln First Bank of Rochester. She is the first woman to be appointed in this capacity for one of the 42 branches, serving the Rochester and upstate New York area. She is also serving as chairman of the Rochester Area Group National Association of Bank Women.

Marion Epps Anderson has combined a teaching and journalism background in achieving high honors in both fields. A Theta at Beloit where she majored in English literature, she also did graduate work in journalism at the University of Wisconsin and Marquette University. Her forte is teaching high school editors and also communicating with journalism mass media teachers.

Marion has received many awards including a \$250 grant to be used for the purchase of journalism books and learning materials.

Escoffier, one of the greatest chefs in the Western world, offered firm advice to remember in the kitchen or out of it—"Faites simple." (Make it simple!) Kathleen Harter Gee shares Escoffier's philosophy in her role as production designer for the Austin Ballet Theatre of Austin, Texas.

"My designs are very simple," she says, "because

the stage is the artist's impression of reality and the less complicated it is, the more understandable."

Basing her designs on color, line and shape, Kathleen only uses detail for highlighting. For the past five years she has worked closely with Stanley Hall, director of choreography who gives her the angle of the ballet and lets her work out her own designs.

Particularly known for her fantastic headdresses and costumes, she considers the highpoint of her career when she designed costumes for Hall's "L'Empire pastiche," a spoof on Victorian ballet. One of the principal dancers wore a costume designed as a take-off on Sarah Bernhardt.

"It was a lovely green chiffon Grecian toga with grapes cascading off her hair onto the arms," she recalls enthusiastically. Hall found it beautiful enough to lengthen the score three minutes so that the audience could look at her. "From that moment on, I was hooked, soft sell," she concluded. As an initiate of the University of Texas, Kathleen is as chauvinistic a Texan as one would hope to meet.

Jeanne Luppen, Vanderbilt, is young—29-years—and concerned about consumer problems and public welfare particularly where the elderly and poor are involved. Appropriately, considering her background and feelings—which include five years of public service work—she recently was elected chairman of the 11-member state



Consumer Advisory Protection Board in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Jeanne has had her own TV program where she had featured children who for one reason or another—handicaps, race and other problems—had been unable to find places of adoption. She showed the children in such normal situations as fingerpainting and building snowmen. Eventually the show was so successful that it put itself out of business. There were no longer any children to adopt. Later she worked for a year at an affiliate ABC television station in Dallas where she took as many as 750 calls from the public each week, about 75 per cent of which were consumer complaints. She produced from the calls a community action program for the nightly news which illustrated various deceptive consumer practices as well as complaints about local and state politics.

Among her goals for the future are consumer education and proposing legislation for consumer protection.



"ARTIST

of the

MONTH"

Having a person sit for a portrait may be difficult but nothing compared to the skill it takes to portray an animal. Sally Jackson Hill, graduated from both an art school and the School of Journalism at the Univ. of Nebraska, is an initiate of Gamma Tau chapter at the Univ. of Tulsa. Before her marriage to surgeon husband Dr. Byon Hill, Sally worked as a tech-

nical writer and cartoon illustrator. It was only recently she discovered her special artistic talent for portraying animal personalities, through the medium of pastel drawings.

Cats, dogs, horses—Sally delights in all of them. As "Artist of the Month" in Henderson, Kentucky, her magnificant portrait of Giddy Up Go, winner of an eventful five-gaited gelding stake race has been widely admired. She has also photographed Secretariat for a future drawing. Currently she is working on a composite of two large dogs and a Siamese cat.

Sally remarked, "This will be quite a picture with the cat between a Great Dane and a German Shepherd!" And in summing up her new career, "The most delightful aspect of doing these animals is to see the finished work. If the owner likes the portrait, it really gives me a feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction."

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In an alumnæ group?
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As a member of an area advisory committee?
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high school girls?

Will you share your ideas for fraternity development? Kappa Alpha Theta is growing every year. We need more alumnæ "involvement" as we meet the challenges of our Second Century. We need to know who and where Thetas are who are willing to give their time to reinforce their belief in the value of Greek life and Theta relevance.

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Do you have business experience?	
Have you worked with girls?	
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Advisory Board	Press relations
House Corporation	Public relations
Rush	Fraternity Trends edu.
Pledge education	Finance
Scholarship	Speaker for a Fireside
	(Topic)
Areas of alumnæ work you are interested in:	
District Office	Fund raising
Rush Bd. or Rush Repre.	State Chairman
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Angela Bryant Goodrich is a dedicated army wife. Angela's husband Major Edwin P. Goodrich, a radar navigator is assigned to the 528th Bombardment Squadron at Plattsburgh, New York. Named as military wife of the year, she took on a crusade to publicize the plight of men still missing in action, on an individual basis. Her activities include acting as a volunteer at the base hospital's Mental Health Clinic, a Girl Scout leader and church activities. Angela holds a nursing degree from Emory Univ. where she was an initiate of Delta Zeta.



Angela Bryant Goodrich

Kathleen Hansel, Oregon State Univ. was one of ten seniors receiving Scholastic and Leadership awards just prior to graduation. Her honors include the Campus Woman of Achievement award by the University chapter of Women in Communications, formerly Theta Sigma Phi. She has been chapter president, served on the O.S.U. Alumni Board, member of Omicron Nu (National Home Economics Honorary) and Mortar Board. During the summer Kathi was an IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange) delegate to Holland.



Kathleen Hansel

David C. Mannweiler writes proudly to tell of his wife, Karen Dietz Mannweiler, Butler Univ., winning a Fulbright fellowship to study during the summer in India. She was the only Indiana recipient of the award and left for the trip one week after completing her master's degree with a straight-A, 4.0 grade average.



Karen Dietz Mannweiler



Yvonne Wickstrom Larsen

Yvonne Wickstrom Larsen, San Diego State College, has recently been appointed by Governor Reagan to the Board of Trustees of the California State Univ. and the College System. From president of the San Diego Alumnæ Chapter she has gone forward in assuming many community activities. Among her credits are: Trustee of the Childrens' Health Center, Secretary of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra Assoc., and of the Armed Services Y.M.C.A. Executive Committee and Board Management.



Left, Nancy Wilson Wight, and Barbara King Wilson

Barbara King Wilson, Washburn Univ., has been elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Washburn, succeeding Theo (Mrs. Alf) Landon who was the first woman to have the honor. When Barbara's daughter Nancy was awarded her Master's of Education, Dr. John Henderson, President of Washburn asked if she would like to present it to her, since she would be robed and on the platform representing the Board of Trustees. When Nancy's name was called Barbara arose and handed her the certificate. A proud moment for a mother and a daughter, both of whom are Washburn Thetas.



Dianne Turner Deckert

The "DTD" initials on the Theta "Just Between Us" note paper refer to a talented Theta artist, Dianne Turner Deckert who graduated from the Univ. of Kansas with a degree in commercial art and fashion design, and was elected by her art school professors, "Most Outstanding Senior." At school she was a member of Mortar Board and Delta Phi Delta as well as chapter rush chairman and designer of several first place Homecoming decorations. She joined Hallmark Cards, Inc. and worked up to assistant design director. Following the birth of a son in 1973, Dianne became a freelance designer for Hallmark and other clients. She has served the Kansas City Alumnæ Chapter as corresponding secretary and has been called on as an artistic consultant for the last two Flaming Festivals.

Even though Eleanor Lockwood Nowlin holds a fulltime job with the Vermont Shelburne Museum, she finds time to stay active in the Burlington Alumnæ Chapter and Mortar Board. Most adult visitors at the Shelburne Museum are overwhelmed by the many buildings and collections spread before their dazed eyes. Not so the school children who arrive in big yellow buses, accompanied by teachers and a sprinkling of parents. They know in advance what buildings they are going to visit, what collections they will examine and have already become acquainted with a list of objects to look for.

This educational program has been charted in detail by Eleanor working with the class teachers. Anywhere from 200 to 1,000 children may visit on any one day. Ellie has also innovated a week-long summer program for



Eleanor Lockwood Nowlin

teachers on "Ways to Use a Museum" for which they receive credits.

Though the museum is open only five months of the year, Ellie works full time on such projects as the reference library, cataloguing, and identifying objects of many kinds, at the owner's request. She finds great joy in having discovered a job that needed doing and finds satisfaction in contributing to the pleasure of thousands who visit the Museum.

Fort Worth alumnæ are proud of their own Ann Richards Quinn, a "superdoer" in her community and professional activities. A graduate of the Univ. of Texas, Ann was chosen as their "Theta of the Year." In 1973 she was hospitality coordinator for the opening of the giant Dallas-Fort Worth Airport and the year before the guiding hand for Theta's Flaming Festival which brought in a profit of \$10,000.



Ann Richards Quinn

Ann, with a degree in personnel management, has worked for the U.S. Air Force in London, England, as personnel director for Neiman Marcus; worked for an interior designer, taught fashion merchandising and communication. Currently she is with the Fort Worth National Bank as an officer in the Women's Service department. She has worked for the Mayor's Council on Youth Opportunity, Cancer Drive, Arts Council Planning Committee and Junior League.

Connie A. Butterworth, Kansas, is associate editor of *Edison Service News*, a house organ for the Commonwealth Edison Co. in Chicago.

Augusta Elliott Wilson, Vanderbilt, and graduate of Catholic Univ. of America Law School, has been nominated by the Democrats to the U. S. House of Representatives.

One of 19 college students chosen to scale a mountain in Peru was Meredith Johnson, Colorado State Univ. Before undertaking the challenging climb which was filmed by National Geographic and shown on television, the group underwent a strenuous training in the Colorado mountains. Their experience in Peru was not only a test of physical endurance but a test of mental ability as well.

Anne K Hilker, Northwestern, has been named as an honorable mention in *Glamour* magazine's National College Contest of 1974. Entrants were accepted on the basis of their campus and community activities, awards and scholastic achievements, leadership abilities and work experience. A journalism major with a minor field of study in political science, Anne was an outstanding student. She was elected to Women in Communications, Shi-Ai and Mortar Board and was president of Panhellenic at Northwestern.

Delta Nu Chapter at the Univ. of Arkansas, honored Mary Hamilton Ackerman, Kansas, with a 50-year pansy pin as a highlight of their Founders' Day observance. In 1965 Mary and her husband, Tusten, drove to Fayetteville where she was to investigate the possibility of colonizing a Theta Chapter at the university. Delta Nu received its charter in 1966. The Ackermans were so entranced with Fayetteville and the surrounding area, they later built their home and retired there.

Betty Maloy Davidson, president of the New Orleans Alumnæ Chapter has many interests. Currently she is chairman of the Junior Women's Committee of the New Orleans Philharmonic-Symphony Society. She, with her committee spent the better part of a year planning for the fund raising ball to benefit the orchestra.

The second annual "Dance for Those Who

Can't" dance marathon at the Univ. of Colorado was sponsored again this year by Beta Iota Chapter and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Twenty-five couples began 48 hours of dancing in the University Memorial Center ballroom and except for a sleeping break each night from two to eight A.M., and a half hour break every four hours they were awake, danced continuously. Sponsors backed the couples with hourly pledges and an admission charge of 50ϕ charged to those who wanted to watch or join the dancing. The proceeds in the amount of \$10,700 were given to Muscular Dystrophy Research.

Mary Paige Huey, Univ. of Texas, has been honored by the National Sculpture Society in its selection of her carving of a pelican for its 41st annual exhibition in New York. Her piece is entitled "His Beak Holds More Than His Belly Can."

Mary Ritter Beard, historian, DePauw has been elected posthumously to the Indiana Academy, founded in 1971 by the Associated Colleges of Indiana to honor persons who have brought distinction to the state through contributions in the arts, science, education and politics.

Her varied activities and many achievements have led to Marjorie Burns Shanard, Univ. of South Dakota, being named the first woman Director of the Panama Canal Zone. Appointed by the Secretary of the Army with Presidential approval, Marge meets with the other directors in Washington, D.C. at least four times a year and in the Canal Zone when necessary, to oversee this \$2,000,000 a year operation. The Board works with the Governor to administer such functions as Canal Tolls, utilities, hospitals, schools etc. for the 15,000 employees there.

At the Univ. of South Dakota she was editor of the school paper and magazine and after college became the first woman news reporter for the Minneapolis *Star-Tribune*. Her interests included political activity which led to her attending four National Republican Conventions, chairing a State Convention and work on the National Advisory Committee for the re-election of the President in 1972. She lives in Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota, a lake suburb of Minneapolis where another Theta, Julia Schubert Workinger, Pennsylvania State, has recently become the first woman Mayor.

Four Thetas with the common goal of helping the handicapped are: Jane Palin, Debbie Colvin, Martina Severin and Kathy Virciglio of the University of Alabama. Jane and Debbie will study Physical Therapy and Martina, Occupational Therapy when they attend the Univ. of Alabama in Birmingham to become therapists. Kathy recently graduated with a major in Speech Therapy.

Edith Davis Whiteman, wife of the president of Sweet Briar College, has been elected as one of two alumni trustees on the Vanderbilt Board of Trust. She was the only woman among the slate of six nominations which included Nobel Prize winner Stanford Moore. She will serve a four-year term and can be renominated by the Board for one additional term.

Over 280 women attended the Cleveland Alumnæ Chapter's "Fashions That Care" spring style show, featuring the new, soft feminine look from designers such as Adele Simpson, Jerry Silverman, Malcolm Starr and Vera Maxwell. Proceeds from the luncheonstyle show event were donated to the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center where approximately 150,000 children and adults with hearing and speech problems have availed themselves of the many services at the Center.

One night several years ago, an editor at The Louisville Courier-Journal crumpled up a story written by a woman staffer, hurled it across the newsroom and disgustedly snapped, "I'd rather have one good wastebasket than two female reporters." Last week that same newsman effusively greeted his new managing editor, who had dropped by his small office at the paper. "You look great," he gushed. "Have a seat. It's always nice to invite the boss to have a seat and compliment her."

The "boss" is Carol Sutton Whaley, Missouri, who for over ten years has gone by the name Ms Sutton. Starting in at the Courier-Journal, following her graduation, she started in as a secretary and worked up to the position of women's editor. Her articles were on features of importance rather than frivolous coverage of women's news. A newswoman of ability and dedication, Ms Sutton has made her mark.

The list of the Stephens College Alumnæ Fund Board in Columbia, Missouri, reads like a Theta Roster. New president is Ginny Boos Hay, Denison, with Jean Oslage Shrode, Northwestern, taking over the chairmanship of the National Alumnæ Endowment Committee. Also serving on the board are Christine Wood Graham, Pauling Brannock Moore and Mary Lee Prunty Johnston, all members of Alpha Mu Chapter at the University of Missouri.

A Theta star shining brightly in the Big Sky Country of Montana is Norma Beatty Ashby, Univ. of Montana, a devoted Theta, community leader and career woman. Her television show, "Today in Montana" has been on the air for over 12 years. She has interviewed more than 10,000 people from all walks of life, from all over the world, winning numerous awards for "Montana Television Program of the Year." As a member of the Advertising Club of Great Falls, Norma helped start the club's Charles M. Russell Western Art Auction which has grossed nearly \$800,000 over a period of six years. Appointed by three Montana Governors to serve on state commissions and advisory councils, she is in her third year as her state's representative on the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. In April she was one of 40 women to be invited to the White House for tea with the then First Lady, Mrs. Richard Nixon.

QUOTABLE: The central objective in the university of experience, is not to graduate, but to grow. Not to become a critical and self satisfied alumnus, but to continue as a conscientious student, who has learned that one of the fundamental lessons in the college life is this: THE EXAMS ARE NEVER OVER.—DESMOS of Delta Sigma Delta

FOURTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Theta's fourth Leadership Conference will be held July 25-28, 1975 at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

National and district officers will arrive on Wednesday, July 23 and district officer workshops will begin Thursday morning, July 24. Members of Theta's Grand Council will serve as the faculty.

College chapter presidents (who are the delegates) will arrive on Friday afternoon,

July 25 and the conference will close on Monday, July 28 at noon.

Room, food and travel expenses for the delegates will be paid by the fraternity and each chapter will be responsible for paying the \$10.00 registration fee for its delegate.

College chapters are urged to send at least one member of the advisory board to the conference at chapter expense.

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application blank; deadline is January 15.

The Traveling Secretaries for this year are Gwin Colvert, Univ. of Oklahoma, and Paula Gulliford, Colorado State and Univ. of Minnesota. Maybe, if you are lucky enough to have one of them visit your chapter, she can tell you more about the job. If not, just ask your College District President or write Central Office for additional information.

For the prospective graduate student the position of Resource Resident is available. Jayne Marlowe, Eastern Kentucky Univ., is taking advantage of this opportunity to live and work with one of our new chapters, Delta Tau, while continuing her studies at the University of Montana. Write Central Office for further details, Suite 400, 801 Davis St., Evanston, IL 60201.

From Riches to Rags and Back . . .

ALBUQUERQUE—From Riches to Rags and back again could be the theme song of Albuquerque alumnæ and actives. During the past 10 years the alumnæ chapter has known successes and defeats in connection with the Gamma Omicron chapter at the University of New Mexico.

In the early sixties the active chapter achieved great success in its rush program and the house on campus expanded greatly. Then came the dark days of the midsixties when sororities faltered and the Gamma Omicron chapter fared no better than the others. The girls pledged were outstanding but the trouble was—there weren't many of them. Finally it became obvious the chapter house would have to be closed.

That was in the spring of 1970 and was a low spot for Albuquerque alumnæ who had worked so closely with the active chapter. As a result the alumnæ banded together and decided the actives could be pulled together through the support of every available alumna. They helped the girls find a smaller house, encouraged them in rush and did all they could to bring the active chapter back to what it was.

The entire project proved so successful that at the district convention in the summer of 1973 the active chapter received the award for the outstanding chapter of the district and our alumnæ chapter was given special recognition for its work in helping the active chapter.

ELLEN WILSON PRATER

Santa Has Many Helpers

ATLANTA—The most significant change in the Atlanta Alumnæ chapter during 1973 occurred in December with our first annual Santa's House. Bringing the spirit of Theta to the Christmas season, the fund raising



In Atlanta's Santa's House, Christie Sharp and Brad Richardson make friends with the old gentleman.

project featured Santa in his workshop, Mrs. Claus with her homemade sweets, and Christmas trees decorated by the many visitors.

The Atlanta Alumnæ Chapter and the Emory Delta Zeta's combined talents to plan and carry-out the idea. During the week long opening, the house was manned by a variety of interested people including Theta children acting as elves, grandmothers as Mrs. Claus, and husbands as photographers and handymen. Decorations and refreshments were donated by local businesses.

Proceeds from Santa's House benefitted the Atlanta Retardation Center.

NANCY BOMAR

A Real Rapport

BERKELEY—A closeness prevailed between the alumnæ and Omega chapter this year. The alumnæ continued its donation towards the symphony box and \$100 towards a new television. New carpeting and painting improved the house's appearance. Alumnæ helped with rush decorations and gave a \$250 scholarship. They gave the pledges a dinner and seniors a party. In return they'll be hosted at a barbecue at the chapter house on June 2 as they are thanked for all their efforts this year. The chapter house has a younger feeling about it. Close to 70 girls now make it a strong, vital group. The alumnæ have enjoyed the closeness it shares with the chapter. The Ann Martin Foundation for emotionally disturbed children in Oakland has been assisted this year by the alumnæ.

MARY VERONICA WALSH

Trust Us Over-Thirties

BIRMINGHAM, MI—We became a chapter in 1967 after being a club for 38 years. Because we are so distant from college chapters, our activities with the actives had been very limited in the past. Recently, however, we have had more contact and have found it very rewarding. Last June we had a "no business" party with many of the actives in the area and no one felt a "generationgap"—great time! We made table cloths for the Beta Pi's (Michigan State) and plan more help to other chapters. The revived District Day of '72 and '73 was welcomed by both alumnæ and actives.

PEGGY GRACE WEISMAN

Tea Time to Show Time

BLOOMINGTON—From tea time to show time is our chapter story. Once upon a time we were a small club. We entertained one another tea party fashion eight times a year and talked Theta. Later we assumed the responsibilities of chapter status, but the sad part of it is we continued to entertain tea party fashion eight times a year. We talked Theta and we had occasional

white elephant sales and Christmas Bazaars to meet our financial responsibilities.

Suddenly, 15 years ago, in 1959 to be exact, we stopped the tea parties and the exchange of dollars and instead of talking we started doing. We put together our first Theta Antique Show and we've been at it once a year ever since. Its phenomenal success has enabled us to contribute generously in the form of scholarships to our active Thetas and to establish in our community a Theta tradition of culture and financial aid. Our community outreach has placed us among the worthwhile organizations in Bloomington.

JO GRIFFIS LEONARD

Thetas Help Santa

BOULDER—Our chapter's major project has become the annual "Santa's House," a benefit for the Attention Homes where troubled Boulder young people are given help in learning to cope with adult life. We join with the alumnæ of Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma in sponsoring this annual benefit.

A closer relationship between the actives and our alumnæ chapter developed this year. The alumnæ were invited to various active functions and we were happy to have the girls from the Theta House join us for several of our meetings and social gatherings.

NANCY HINDMAN

Service-The "Now" Word

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA—Our chapter is now quite involved in service. For example, just in time for the holiday season, a poinsettia sale was supported with enthusiasm by all members. Proceeds helped support the Institute of Logopedics, Delta Chapter (Illinois), and locally the University of Illinois Speech and Hearing Clinic. At the clinic, the donation from the poinsettia sale made possible a video tape machine benefiting about two thousand adults and children who were seen last year. We are proud to serve our community for such worthwhile causes.

MARJORIE MAXWELL KLEIN



The video tape machine in action at the Univ. of Illinois Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Goal Directed

CHICAGO NORTH SHORE—Formerly designated a club, chapter status was granted in 1970, symbolizing the interest and involvement of the group. Two major

activities in particular, reflect expansion and total support.

Our most comprehensive yearly project is a Christmas card sale. As a result of a united chapter effort, this project nets an average annual donation of at least \$1000. Recently, Rimland School for Autistic Children has been singled out as our primary philanthropy.

Members are now more in tune with the interests and concerns of local college Thetas as a result of enthusiastic participation in the Auntie Mame program. Activities, both on an individual and group basis, have resulted in a closer relationship with our local college chapter.

MARCIA PETERSON KLEPAC

The Helpful Intruder

CHICAGO NORTHWEST SUBURBAN—Our 1967 Founders' Day luncheon was truly unusual. Instead of holding the luncheon in the privacy of a Theta's home, our chapter decided to hold it in a local restaurant where, we were assured, a private room would be available. The privacy of the room, however, was questionable, especially when a waiter, who had been lurking right outside the door, decided he would be helpful. To our disbelief, he proceeded to light the black candles that are symbolically lit during the ritual. Our president, who had been conducting the ritual with all due solemnity, became slightly shaken, as did all of us who had witnessed this interruption. Since that year, most of our Founders' Day luncheons have been held in a Theta's home.

MARTHA MOREY SWIERCZEWSKI

Something New Has Been Added

CHICAGO SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN—In our ten years as an alumnæ chapter we have added members, new benefits and philanthropies. The original group met in an evening "juniors" and afternoon "seniors" group. Now the two are one, thus all ages work together. The money-making project changed from an active-alumnæ holiday ball to a Merchants' Spring Fair, where area merchants display spring merchandise and Thetas provide a tearoom and bake shop. Now a holiday brunch is given in honor of collegiate members. The Institute of Logopedics and Illinois Research Hospital continue to receive benefit funds, but the Helping Hand School of Brookfield, Illinois and the Farm Club of Hinsdale also benefit from the chapter's work.

CAROL SUE BUTLER

Three Generations Attends Convention

CINCINNATI—Our chapter had the distinction of a three generation Theta family attending Grand Convention, 1974. Anna Cellarius Cortright, a member of Cincinnati's second pledge class in 1915, took her two Theta daughters and three Theta grand-daughters to Convention with her. This was Mrs. Cortright's sixth convention. Attending with Mrs. Cortright were her daughters Mary Cortright Sterneberg, and Sally Cortright Holtzmuller, Cincinnati, with their daughters Sue Jean Sterneberg, Kentucky University, and Jill Holtzmuller, Miami University, and Nancy Holtzmuller, Ohio State University.

While talking to Mrs. Cortright and Mrs. Sterneberg, who both still attend alumnæ meetings, it was fascinating to see just how our chapter has changed. In the early days of the 20's and early 30's, the main func-

tion of the group was just trying to keep their Thetas in school. It was also difficult simply getting around town and keeping track of graduates and new Thetas in the area. In the 40's the main project of the group was funding a chapter house. In the late 40's and 50's, the group turned to the usual fairs and boutiques and "community-minded" speakers. Now going well into the 70's Cincinnati is becoming more and more community-minded with its current projects centering on Camp Stepping Stones, a day camp for under-privileged children, and our latest undertaking, another Theta Santa's House with emphasis on exposure of underprivileged children to the world of "Christmas wonder" they would not otherwise experience.

KAREN SKONY THIMMES

Seventy-Two and Holding!

CLEVELAND—Chapter has grown since 1902 in community commitment and number of geographical areas that we draw from, but our active membership has decreased. Twenty-five years ago, 100 members attended an average meeting. Today, even with outstanding programs and leadership, the number has decreased considerably. Obvious factors are working Thetas (especially the over 40's), the high transfer rate, and an exodus to the "country." Three of our last seven chapter presidents were transferred while in office. Seventy-two years has passed and we're still a strong, enthusiastic, creative group—smaller than in the past, but working hard to make our "after-college" associations a very special continuing experience.

MARIBEL SAVAGE REYNOLDS

Encouraging Interest

COLORADO SPRINGS—In order to bring back some of the things local Thetas liked about being a Theta club, the chapter plans next year to have three gatherings just for fun. The goal of the chapter is to build up Theta spirit again by involving each member as a hostess, officer, committee chairman, or program. As the theme is "Theta," the programs involve outstanding Thetas telling what they do in their volunteer, elected or paid jobs. The chapter maintains close ties with the Colorado College chapter, helping during rush and initiation and inviting them to three alumnæ meetings.

Judy Gristy LaMora (Texas Tech) was elected president of the Colorado Women's Republican organization. Nancy Bryson Schlosser (Colorado College) was appointed to the board of trustees of Colorado College. She replaced Barbara Neeley Walich (Colorado College) who resigned her position as a trustee to become the college's director of alumni support.

DIANE KIRK WENGLER

More and More

DAYTON—Our chapter was chartered in 1930, and included 40 or 50 members, many of whom had been Chi Psi's at Denison and went back to be initiated when Chi Psi became Kappa Alpha Theta! These charter members were enthusiastic and they all knew each other well. Typical of the women our chapter has always served, they were young mothers, starting out in life, away from home ties. We continue to draw this type and turnish them with an opportunity to make friends and serve the community. But we don't know everybody

any more, There are now over 200 Thetas in the little gold and black directory, and more each year!

MARCIA COOMBS

Life the Wind

DENVER—Like the wind, the Denver Alumnæ Chapter is always moving and changing. After 15 successful years with the Festival of Xmas the Denver Alumnæ felt they needed a fresh approach to fund raising so a philanthropy committee was set up to search out new ideas. Other changes in the chapter are closer Panhellenic ties, more emphasis on rush, better alumnæ-active relationships, and the streamlining of our meetings from area groups to a day time and an evening group.

Time like the wind doesn't stand still and neither does the Denver Alumnæ Chapter!

MARY MCMILLEN HEATH

We're Community Minded

DES MOINES—This year has seen many progressive and beneficial changes in our Des Moines Chapter. For instance, the chapter as a whole has become more community minded and service oriented in the recent past. In December of 1973, our chapter sponsored a "Santa's Workshop" to raise money for the Des Moines Children's Zoo. Our chapter earlier contributed to the Child Guidance Center. Many alumnæ volunteer on an individual basis in various activities, including working with children at the Prescribed Activities Center and helping children with learning disabilities. The graduate chapter has also strived for and achieved an even better rapport with the girls of the Theta chapter at Drake University.

NANCY ROSS PERRY

Detroit Goes Suburban

DETROIT SUBURBAN—Group III in the Detroit area has taken over the Detroit Charter and is now Detroit Suburban. We have made the transition from a small group to a chapter which encompasses approximately 15 suburbs in the Detroit area. Formerly we were more socially oriented; now most of our meetings are educational and we are much more community and project minded.

Our local philanthropy, Tim-Ro-Nan-Go, is a school for emotionally disturbed children. We help fund them by selling their Christmas cards and holding a garage sale each year.

All in all it has been a fruitful year under our President Mary Jo Childs Garling (Purdue).

NANCY TREGENZA CHENAULT

Happy 20th Birthday

DIABLO VALLEY—This writer was there when Diablo Valley Alumnæ Chapter was founded East of the Berkeley hills as a Club in 1954. From an original few our roster now numbers 275 with 50 actives.

Our group has been socially oriented, but always supportive of a philanthropy such as: County Juvenile Hall, Las Trampas Home for Retarded, and Wee Care Center for Handicapped Children.

Monthly meetings offer a variety of programs: speakers, workshops, tours appealing to young college graduates as well as 50-year Thetas. Area bridge groups have been popular.



All aboard for the Oakland Museum.

This winter we visited the Oakland Museum via BART (Bay Area's new Rapid Transit System). Devoted to the history, art, and environment of California, the museum traces the development of the state over a 10,000 year period. A gourmet luncheon in the museum's restaurant followed. What could be a more delightful birthday celebration?

ELCEY WILLIAMS KERESEY

Tulip Time

EL PASO—Our alumnæ are thrilled over our colonization as a chapter. As a result we undertook a fundraising project for the first time. Our project consisted of buying pots of blooming tulips to deliver on Valentine Day. We located an accommodating florist who sold us pots of six or more blooming plants and who delivered them to the garage of our chairman, Donna Sherman Scurry (TCU). Our Thetas then tied white tissue paper with red ribbon around the pots, attached cards and delivered them. Orders were obtained by printing 500 letters and sending them to businessmen in the community.

ANNETTE REED HARRISON

"My, How We've Grown!"

EVANSTON & NORTH SHORE—Originally a part of the Chicago Alumnæ Chapter, we have been meeting since 1892. As our members moved to the suburbs, reorganization became necessary, and we were chartered under the present name in September 1910. During World War II, many members found it more convenient to meet in the evening rather than the afternoon; thus, they founded the Chicago North Shore Club, which today is a full-fledged chapter of about 85 members, serving primarily alumnæ under 35 years old, while our chapter, which claims over 200 members, is largely comprised of those over 35.

Certainly our programs have changed since the early days. We learned about mind control and plastic surgery during our first two meetings this past year. Yet, "the more things change, the more they stay the same," as we also studied the history of needlepoint and enjoyed the talents of a concert pianist. Perhaps our most gratifying change has come from our benefit party. Moving from a format of tea, cookies and program at a local women's club to a couples party at a hotel ballroom, complete



Left to right—Doris Drew Robertson, Illinois, Virginia Keller Campbell, Goucher, Jane Cannon Meyers, Ohio and Meryl Schmidt Chapin, Washington (St. Louis) admire a publicity poster for Evanston-North Shore's annual "Kites and Stars" benefit.

with live entertainment, chances sold on donated prizes, a raffle, and refreshments, our profits have zoomed from a couple of hundred dollars to over a thousand at last year's party, our third annual "Kites & Stars." Yes, we definitely have grown!

DORIS DREW ROBERTSON

She's Number One!

FORT COLLINS—In February of 1973 Fort Collins alumnæ and members of Beta Gamma chapter at C.S.U. participated in a very special Founders' Day celebration. In addition to honoring our four Theta founders, we paid tribute to Margaret Ross Portner, who in 1917 was the first initiate of Beta Gamma and of the state of Colorado. A "This Is Your Life" format was used with family and friends taking part in the surprise. Margaret, who throughout her life has played an active part in college chapter and alumnæ affairs, represents for us the Theta love and loyalty which we remember each Founders' Day.

RUTH BESTLAND BROWN

A Never-to-be Forgotten Day

FORT LAUDERDALE-BROWARD COUNTY—Without doubt, our most memorable Founders' Day was our first one as an alumnæ chapter and the Centennial date of the fraternity's founding. Robie Lacy, our ADP was there in the beautiful paneled room of The Bridge Restaurant to present the charter to president Bernice Work. Our membership was just over 100 and attendance at the luncheon was almost 100. Mary Beth Skiff, who became our next president, was the toastmistress. The formal Founders' Day ritual ceremony was followed. Several of our members became 50-year Thetas. The occasion was truly solemn, yet festive, in tribute to our founders.

JAN MCLEAN

A Touch of Nostalgia

FORT WORTH—As program chairman, Lois Benton Harvey, Washington University St. Louis, decided it would be fun for the Thetas to make a quilt! Since her old family home, The Benton Home, is now a historic landmark and was the site of the very first Theta alumnæ meeting in 1924, she decided *that* would be a perfect



At left—Kay Lockman Clinkscale, TCU, winner of the Theta Quilt auctioned by Fort Worth alumnæ. Next to her, Lois Benton Harvey, Washington (St. Louis) and Barbara Harvey, TCU.

spot for our October meeting and "quilting bee." From a beginning club of five ladies in 1924, we now have 234 Thetas in our area. Our chapter was chartered in 1956 when Gamma Psi came on the T.C.U. campus. As we started our quilt it was fun to reminisce about Theta through the years.

BETTIE LU OGAN WASHBURN

Greencastle Alumnæ Form First Chapter

GREENCASTLE—In 1890 a few of the Greencastle Kappa Alpha Theta alumnæ decided to organize an alumnæ club. A year later, word arrived that National was encouraging the formation of alumnæ chapters so immediately the group wrote to have the first alumnæ chapter and were given this privilege.

In 1958, because of so few members and shortage of funds, it was decided best to become a club again. National, however, felt this group should maintain a standing of an alumnæ chapter, and in 1965 granted it an honorary membership as an official chapter.

CHLOE JAMES TALBOTT

Lost: One Link; Found: Large Chain

HARTFORD—Our chapter's beginnings in 1945 evolved from a nucleus of members who were basically locally oriented, most of whom were affiliated with the University of Connecticut. The support of our area college Thetas was ever enthusiastic, and included staffing the Gamma Zeta Advisory Board for many years.

Gradually our membership became more cosmopolitan and appropriately our interests grew in direction. Local and social events gained competition from fund raising projects to support community services and our National Foundation. The loss of our Gamma Zeta chapter directed our interests towards other collegiate chapters and has given us an increased awareness of our national importance.

MARGARET PARK PIERSON

Objective: Total Involvement

HOUSTON—Changes in our chapter have evolved relative to the growth of our popular philanthropic project, the Theta Charity Antiques Show. In 1952, six dealers were represented in two meeting rooms of the Shamrock Hilton Hotel. The Antiques Show has now expanded to encompass the entire West Hall of the

Albert Thomas Convention and Exhibit Center. Thetas have staged, directed, and produced the show, working the year round, utilizing the involvement of a majority of our fast-growing membership. As a group, we take pride in having our Show considered the second largest and finest Antiques Show in the United States.

ELAINE WELLS FRANK

From 10 to 700 members in 70 years!

KANSAS CITY—Our chapter has generally reflected the changing times in our country especially as they pertain to the status of women. Many volunteer hours of service are given to the community, and support of the Foundation has remained constant through the years, whether Thetas sell coffee, silver polish, cookbooks, or candles. Now many members have careers outside the home which they share with us in programs. Through the years, small area and interest groups formed to provide opportunity for Theta friendship on a more intimate basis. This year will bring a June patio party for collegians, and a shift from Flaming Festivals (after 19 years) to a Tennis Tournament and November boutique.

JOANN CARSWELL LAUGHLIN

Focus Shifts

LINCOLN—Long-time Lincoln alumnæ remember with fondness their luncheon meetings and extensive involvement with the active chapter. They were a small but active group. Some of their meetings centered on university-related issues or projects. But for years, most of their energy was channeled into providing housing for the active chapter—finding rental housing, building and furnishing the house and new addition—and into assisting with rush week parties and choosing new members. Maintenance of the organization dominated discussion for many years.

Our chapter has grown since then and our central concern has shifted from active chapter maintenance to community involvement and individual growth. While the social aspect continues to play a large part in our meetings, today we spend more time "learning" and "experimenting" or planning projects to raise money for philanthropic ends rather than active chapter housing.

PAM DALLING BAKER

News Items

LOS ANGELES—In October we had our annual Pot Luck dinner for our two local chapters (U.C.L.A. and U.S.C.). These dinners for Beta Xi and Omicron were held at homes of alumnæ members.

We have a scholarship fund of over a thousand dollars to lend to collegians in emergency situations. These loans are interest free and are to be repaid within two years after leaving college.

In January we enjoyed having Grand Vice-President, Jane Gallup, at our Board Meeting.

Our final meeting in May was a fashion show and luncheon at the home of Anne Mabee Guerin (U.S.C.). The Courreges fashion show was presented by Louise Philibosian Danelian (S.M.U.) from her shop in Beverly Hills. There were 145 Thetas and guests present, and new officers were received.

Due to husbands being transferred out of the area, our president, vice-president, and secretary all had to be replaced this Spring.

LUCILLE LUND HIGGINS

From a Twinkle to a Star

MEMPHIS—Our Chapter is now like a beautiful kite soaring above the Bluff City. YES, we have grown since receiving our Chapter Charter and in more ways than one!

Our membership has increased considerably. A group functioning as a chapter receives more recognition and publicity. The growth of our Mid-South Area and city has brought us very active Thetas from all sections of the country—witness our President, Eve Lott Baker (Penn. State). We now proudly represent 44 of the National Active Chapters. Participation of both former and newly arrived members increases each year.

With alumnæ chapter status and no local college chapters we felt we could and should support active chapters in our area, such as the University of Tennessee and the University of Arkansas. With all these assets we have been able to present Theta more formidably to the girls in our locale, which has increased the number of Memphis based pledges each year. Then to make the ties more binding we have the honor of Edwinna Leonard Robbins (Oklahoma State) as Alumnæ College District President

Our Annual Taste Treat became such a success that other organizations adopted it. This February we launched "Tulips" for Valentines as a new project which proved to be most successful. Our Theta in the News is Mary Alice Quinn (Vanderbilt), Woman's Editor of the Commercial Appeal (Mid-South Newspaper). We also enjoyed entertaining the Grand Council Officers at brunch during National Panhellenic Meeting on the bank of the Mississippi. Founders' Day was celebrated at lunch at the historic old Fontaine House. YES, we are enthusiastic, busy, and happy. Come Join US!

JANE BRUMMITT PRIEST

Founders' Day Brings Out the Alumnæ

MILWAUKEE-A beautiful day and delicious food accompanied an outstanding Founders' Day celebration at the Ozaukee County Country Club this January. "Johnnie" (Elaine Johnson) Luedeman (Lawrence) and her committee planned a buffet luncheon and personally contacted every Theta in the Milwaukee area. The turnout was tremendous (80 or more), and many Thetas admitted returning to renew old acquaintances after several years' absence from Theta functions! Joyce Toombs, Alumnæ District President, and Ann Lauterbach, College District President, joined us for an "offduty" visit, reporting on the upswing in fraternity interest in college communities. A highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of a plant accompanied by singing "Remember" to 50-year Theta, Betty Mann Brown, Ohio State.

SALLY FORBES DECKER

Chapter Changes

MINNEAPOLIS—Throughout the years our chapter has gone through several changes. The most obvious change is in our programming. This year our programs were planned to be more social than "mind-expanding." In the years past we have had programs geared toward education, politics or community involvement. Our attendance seemed to be sliding even though the number of dues-paying members remained consistent. We decided we needed a new twist.

In November we had an Hors d'oeuvres—Wine Tasting meeting. There were many delicious appetizers provided by members as well as a lot of fun. This was one of our best attended meetings. In April we had a luncheon with Japanese Flower Arranging as our program. Here again attendance was good. We have also formed craft groups to make items to sell at our annual Flaming Festival.

Our community seems to meet the needs for expanding one's mind. A common Theta bond is such a good reason to just "get together."

CATHY FINN STANSBURY

Founders' Day Festivities

NASHVILLE—Thanks to Theta planning and ingenuity, the 1974 Founders' Day celebrated by Alpha Eta actives and alumnæ was a memorable occasion. We found a warm and friendly atmosphere awaiting us at the Theta house as alumnæ ran a shuttle service to solve parking problems and actives presented a costume skit about Theta's founding. The banquet's highlight was provided by Miss Mildred Stoves (Vanderbilt) as she entertained us with a humorous accounting of how our chapter was organized.

Special people present for the event were Ellen Bowers Hofstead (Vanderbilt), National Panhellenic Conference Delegate, and Lissa Luton Bradford (Vanderbilt), member-at-large of the Grand Council.

MARTHA STEINMAN HOEHN

Intensified Involvement

NEW ORLEANS—Our Advisory Board has been increased to 12 members and the alumnæ and actives have a most cordial relationship. Many more alumnæ help during Rush Week than formerly. The Advisory Board, with funds provided by the alumnæ chapter, are making robes and hangings for the actives, their project for this year. Alumnæ are most welcome in the chapter house and an excellent spirit of cooperation prevails. Our Advisory Board Chairman, Margery Hixon Long, and the other members of the Board are to be commended for their dedication and faithful work. The alumnæ chapter has increased in members and their interest and attendance.

HELEN WALKER NORTON

Another Great Year . . .

NEW YORK CITY—Distinctive, educational programs combining social and cultural themes with fun and fellowship best describe 1973-74 for New York City Alumnæ. Highlight was an evening performance of the New York City Ballet's "Nutcracker Suite" benefitting our local philanthropy, the Children's Health Center. Our chapter continues to progress through social change, but its character and spirit remain steadfast. Members range in age from 22 to 84 years young and are involved in all types of interesting careers and community projects. We welcome all Theta visitors and do hope you will get in touch with us when you are here.

SARA STREET

Greek Strength

OKLAHOMA CITY—Proving once again how strong the Greek system is, the Oklahoma Thetas conducted another successful rush with 33 new pledges at Okla. State and 34 at Oklahoma.

At our Founders' Day Dinner in February, we honored three 50-year Thetas. They are Ruth Fowler Faris, Oklahoma State, Marion Knapp Hurst, Oklahoma State, and Dorothy Baugh Harmon, Oklahoma. Our Theta of the Year was Marion Rumsey Wilson, Oklahoma.

Our Flaming Festival held in November was again, a glowing success. All proceeds were divided between the Edmond Association for Exceptional Children, the Institute of Logopedics, and LINK.

The Thetas in Oklahoma are extremely proud of the cooperative effort between actives and alumnæ. Helping to keep the Greek system strong in Oklahoma is apparent in all our activities.

SUSAN MCKEAN GAINES

Constant Change Is No Change

PALO ALTO—After rummaging through the archives of the Palo Alto Alumnæ Chapter, I discovered there has been little or no change in our group. We have always been a very contemporary group of women intested in our community and world affairs. I found evidence of this repeatedly in our choice of programs and activities through the years. A group of women interested in today and tomorrow. A group of women contributing their time and talents individually and as a group.

DARLENE MELICK DAVIDSON

We're Not Getting Older

PASADENA—Our chapter was installed in 1925 in conjunction with the installation of the U.C.L.A. Chapter. As a result our group has always been interested in and worked closely with U.C.L.A. and the U.S.C. Active Chapters.

The chapter has grown in size and a separate junior group formed. The two groups share activities of mutual interest.

Active in broader aspects of Theta are; Barbara Bart Wright, U.C.L.A. Alumnæ District President, and Nancy Hammond Clemens U.C.L.A. one of Southern California's State Chairmen.

Many in the group are deeply aware of community needs and give countless hours of service.

We're not getting older—We're getting better.

DONNA LEE WEST BLASIER

Reflections in the Sun

PHOENIX—Our Chapter has grown into an active group of approximately 200 members. Small interest groups are evolving after having completed a most successful year for our daytime and evening bridge enthusiasts. Tennis groups are on the drawing board for next year which has already created a great deal of interest. Flaming Festival has a new look for next year as we add a Home Tour to our established theme. We are continually striving toward more frequent and meaningful contact with our Arizona State collegians through our Auntie Mame Program, Pledge Picnic, ASU Salad Supper and the Mother-Daughter Coffee.

Panhellenic Woman of the Year for the Phoenix area was awarded Kay (Katherine Snare) Van Ness, U of NM for 1973. Kay received this honor for her combined attributes as a member of the Phoenix Alumnæ Chapter and Chairman of the Advisory Board for Delta Epsilon chapter at Arizona State University. Her qualifications

as a community leader included Girl Scout Local Council Board of Directors, Church Council, and President of the Golden Gate Settlement.

MARILYN (LYNNE) MANGANA CARROLL

Philanthropic Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—Because we are now an alumnæ chapter without a college chapter, we have become more service oriented. In 1970 we joined the Pennsylvania Roadside Council to help beautify Pennsylvania. Daemion House, a self help drug crisis center, has received donations from us. Our very popular annual Kite and Key luncheon, given with Kappa Kappa Gamma, netted \$1500 for Pathway School and the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. Each year at the Christmas Coffee the Nellie Smith Unruh Memorial Scholarship of \$500 is awarded to an outstanding college Theta from the Philadelphia area. Volunteer hours as well as funds have also been given yearly to these organizations.

JUDITH BLACKBURN EPLEY

PITTSBURGH Alumnæ Chapter was founded by women from the Allegheny, Cornell, Goucher, and Swarthmore chapters in 1902. (Allegheny was our closest college chapter—the other three are now defunct.)

The chapter sponsored Alpha Omega (Univ. of Pittsburgh) in 1913, and Gamma Theta (Carnegie-Mellon) in 1943 and now is one of the few alumnæ chapters having two college chapters in their city.

In the beginning, all the women lived within the city, met frequently, in homes at first—then the Alpha Omega house. Now, with the "flight to Suburbia"—and although the membership is great, representing many, many chapters—distance creates a problem for meetings. Women seem to be more involved in a variety of activities, with the result that Theta may become secondary in priorities.

BARBARA DUPRE

Changing Times

PORTLAND-Our chapter celebrated Founders' Day 1974 at the same elegant country club setting where Thetas gathered in 1915 for observance of Founders' Day. However, according to the minutes of that earlier meeting, luncheon then cost a mere fifty cents, and alumnæ crossed the Willamette River by ferryboat to reach the Waverley Country Club. This year's meeting featured journalist Robert Lucas, who was familiar to many of his listeners from his early journalism days on the University of Oregon campus. Lucas' reminiscences on 38 years of covering national and international news reflected a world infinitely more complex and disturbing than that of the Thetas in 1915. Founders' Day 1974, then, gave us cause to reflect not only on Theta but also on some of the changes and forces of change in our modern world.

SARAH AVERY JOHNSON

New Toys for Play

RENO—Our chapter started a rather unique Auntie Mame program with the Seniors of Beta Mu (Univ. of Nevada) chapter. It has been very successful and it has been a great way to get to know our new members-to-be.

The puppet show, our only fund raising event, was a huge success. Much of the proceeds went to our local philanthropy, the Washoe County Deaf Children's



Sally Small Zuehlsdorff, Univ. of Nevada, president of the Reno chapter (left), assists Linda Begbie, a teacher at the Washoe County Deaf Children's Clinic.

Clinic. Last year our alumnæ bought a lot of equipment for the school, but this year we wanted to be a little more personal so we made several large toy boxes and stocked them with homemade wooden blocks. It was hard to tell who enjoyed the toys more, the children or the alumnæ.

NANCY FRANKLIN PEEK

It's the Name of the Game!

ROCHESTER—Change is a way of life for the Rochester Alumnæ Chapter, and the most significant of these changes has come through improved communications—with the alumnæ, the community and the collegians.

Communications with the alumnæ really "zoomed" with the birth of the "Kite Tale," a monthly newsletter which has enabled us to keep our 175 area alumnæ informed and interested in the myriad of activities of the chapter. In addition, each fall a yearbook, listing all of the Rochester alumnæ plus a summary of the year's activities, is mailed to all of our area alumnæ. An expanded and keener functioning executive board has enabled us, too, to better communicate the fraternity ideals.

A great source of communications with our community has been three highly successful fund raisers—two Flaming Festivals and one Spring Festival—both firsts since the inception of our chapter!

Certainly vital to the strength of the collegians and the alumnæ is improved communications, and we have been able to achieve this as well. The "Kite Tale" boasts a column entitled "Collegiate Capers" heralding news of the collegiate chapters in our district. Included in our program schedule for this past year was an enlightening talk by two Syracuse University Thetas on sorority life on today's campuses. Lastly, the Senior Service for Syracuse University graduating seniors was organized by Arlene Alaima Wright on behalf of the Rochester Chapter.

Change is synonymous with growth, and growth is the name of the game for the Rochester Alumnæ Chapter. The support of many, the involvement of scores, and the super dedication of a few have brought this growth about.

MARGE CAMPBELL MCNAMARA

Changed?—Not Much

ROCKFORD—The philosophy of the Rockford Alumnæ Chapter has actually changed very little since its inception in 1917. At that time, as through the years, our Theta ladies got together for casual talk and to enjoy one another's company. With Camp Grant's close proximity, our group drew on war wives and experienced an ever changing membership.

Membership seems much more stable today for four out of the ten who met regularly with the group during the thirties still actively support the chapter.

Rockford Alumnæ Chapter can be proud of its members who have served on Grand Council; who are actively working in Panhellenic, and on money raising projects; but most of all, it can be proud of the whole who have found an interest in one another and in Theta.

MARCIA KANEY COOK

For Work? For Play?

SACRAMENTO—Looking through the scrapbooks of our chapter one finds that we have gone through typical alumnæ chapter development. We have had periods when sociability was our purpose, periods of community service and involvement, times when fund raising was uppermost. The last two years have seen another change. Because most of our Thetas are extremely involved in all phases of volunteer work outside of the chapter we felt that we could best meet the needs of our members by providing an opportunity for sisterhood. We still raise funds, but the accent is on getting together to enjoy one another's company.

MITZIE GOULD COVEY

From Hershey Bars to Candy Canes

ST. LOUIS—Back in the good old days when members of Sigma Alumnæ Chapter (Toronto) sold Hershey bars to sweeten the coffers of charity, they could not have envisioned the number of candy canes 18,000 St. Louisans would consume while touring our Santa House in 1973. But change for the St. Louis alumnæ has only been one of quantity—more members doing more work to raise more money to help more people. The quality of commitment to fraternity and community as conceived by the charter members in 1909 has remained constant and is the basis of all our hopes for the good *new* days.

PATRICIA MCGEE WHITE



"Mrs. Claus," Carol Robert Armstrong, Randolph-Macon, Affil. Duke, and little Robert Armstrong lend a helping hand in the St. Louis Santa's House.

Our Ship Sails On

SAN DIEGO—Our chapter for years was a happy, busy group. Due possibly to the city's growth and involvement in other endeavors the attendance dropped. In 1971 we lost our president. We were a rudderless ship. Acting as president, I carried on for months and was officially installed in 1972.

Then there was a change—the feeling with many—if a person of my years could keep faithful and active, surely "we must rally around."

We have gone forward. Shelby Porter Goad, president, is serving a two-year term. The new board includes four young members. Programs are keyed to VARIETY such as: a Family Picnic, a Fine Arts Gallery Speaker, The Guatemalan Fashion Show, all different and well attended. Others are: an Inspirational Program dealing with the wonderful meaning and beauty of words and a visit to the Salk Institute in La Jolla. Members feel encouraged beyond our dreams!

VIRGINIA STONE BURRILL

Hannah-A Women's Libber

SAN MATEO—Our most meaningful Founders' Day was a luncheon with San Francisco, Berkeley, Marin, and Diablo Valley Alumnæ Chapters. Special guest speaker was Sally Shaw Case (DePauw and Stanford), granddaughter of Founder Hannah Fitch Shaw. She gave us an inside look at her grandmother, who was a very modern thinker and felt that women had more to contribute than scrubbing and cleaning. She even held a patent on a time-saving dust pan to help her fellow women. Hannah was 100 years ahead of her time. Her thoughts on women's lib were exemplified by her belief in the need for sororities. These ideas and Theta are both meaningful to women today.

JANET LEACH CHAPMAN

We're Together

SEATTLE—The closer relationship that has developed over the years between the Univ. of Seattle college chapter in our town and the alumnæ chapter is mutually rewarding. There has been a change from the traditional "mother-daughter" role to a more open, franker give-and-take between the two groups. This has been evidenced by warmer hospitality offered and accepted by each group, a healthy exchange of conflicting points of view, and the appointment of younger alumnæ to the Advisory Board. Better understanding of each other has resulted.

"We're Together" was an appropriate theme at the Founders' Day celebration held at the chapter house.

JUDY JENSEN DYBWAD

"Special Evening"

SPOKANE—The Spokane Alumnæ were most honored this year to have Mrs. Robert L. White, Grand President, as guest speaker at our Founders' Day Banquet. She presented a 50-year pin to Helen Aitchison Merrill, U. of Washington. Eight other 50-year members attended the dinner. In the afternoon a tea was held in Marty's honor so by the end of the evening we all felt we knew her quite well. Having Marty visit us was our link with Thetas all over the world and we were especially grateful that she had the time to share with us.

LINDA BOMBERGER SILVER



Grand President Marty White is welcomed by Mildred Lynn Powell Davis, President of the Spokane Chapter, on Marty's left, and Ruth Mary Thomson Thompson, Univ. of Washington, at her right.

Seniors Honored Yearly

TACOMA—Maintaining close ties with our local college group at the University of Puget Sound, has been one of our chapter's continuing goals. Within the last few years we have ended the year with a senior potluck at an alumna's home. This year there were 40 of us who came to honor the seniors. It is really great just to sit and relax while gaining deeper insight as to the changing college scene. The evening ends with a short ceremony, giving the seniors a little gift and sharing what they have planned for the future.

VICTORIA VANZANT

"Service is the Answer"

TOLEDO-How our chapter has changed since its beginning 104 years ago was highlighted at an especially interesting Founders' Day luncheon this year. Honored past presidents traced the chapter's growth and achievements dating back 51 years. Kay Gustafson Merrifield, Iowa State, current president, reported that the membership has experienced an influx of many newly graduated Thetas which has brought more fresh ideas to monthly meetings. Also, she added that the service project, sponsoring a cottage of nine and ten year old boys at the Miami Children's Home, has provided a great stimulus for group involvement. Each month devoted, concerned Thetas provide some sort of activity for these homeless boys. Such activities have included game night, picnics, a kite fly, and a cruise on the river in the sailboat of Mary VanBrunt Robinson, Ohio Wesleyan. Finally Kay reported that proceeds in the amount of \$500 from the newly revived Flaming Festival were donated to the Children's Home as well as forwarding a contribution to the Institute of Logopedics. Because of the tremendous success of the festival, members now are preparing for another similar event in the fall under the enthusiastic leadership of Joyce Blum DeWallace, University of Mass., and Barbara Hughes Kuehne, Miami University. With the main goal directed toward service, the Toledo Chapter has had more rewarding experiences and greater participation.

CAROLYN POTTER HOYT

A Mixed Bag

TORONTO—Of about 140 Thetas living in or near Metropolitan Toronto, almost 60 belonged to Sigma chapter, extinct for about 30 years. The younger members of the group came from other chapters, and we are not oriented to any one university. True, the ex-Sigmas tend to be rather old-girlish at the Founder's Day party, and we give some help to the chapter at the University of Western Ontario. But we cause no ripple in the life of university or community. We enjoy the social events we plan together, and the discussions we have of the problems of our community.

MARY E. REID

Working Together

TULSA—Our alumnæ chapter is fortunate to have the Gamma Tau Chapter, University of Tulsa, so close.

Our Auntie Mame program is going strong. The October, December and February meetings were held at the Theta Lodge. The December meeting included the Mothers' Club in our Trash and Treasure auction. This year we have been pleased to have at least one active attend all of our meetings. The twelve members of the Gamma Tau Advisory Board are perhaps the closest to the actives. They are on call 24 hours a day if any of the girls need help or advice.

ALDEN REED WEST

1922 Scramble

WICHITA—Our chapter has seen many changes since it was chartered in 1922. As Miss Frances Strickland (Kansas), our first President, recalls, there was quite a scramble in the summer of 1922 to find the necessary 16 Thetas in the Wichita area to begin our chapter. Those 16 members have now grown into 190! Several of our alumnæ who were there in the 20's have noticed as our membership increased so has the participation of younger Thetas. Today some of our most active alumnæ are girls who have just graduated from college. Another major change is evident in our fund raising projects. In those early days a series of projects was the bill of fare. Today we sponsor only our very successful Antique Show which netted over \$3000 in 1973!

JANE VINEYARD FINKBINER

Editor's note: For this issue, alumnæ editors were asked to write about significant changes within their group over the years. An alternative was to tell of an unusual or best remembered Founders' Day. Chapter changes seem to have run the gamut from few to some to many. But ALL have one thing in common—enthusiasm and a love for Theta,

We're Looking for Housemother Candidates

The Housemother Recruitment program, initiated three years ago by the College Committee, is working. We asked qualified Thetas and their friends to write and indicate interest and availability for a housemother position. Good response to this request has enabled us to make successful placements. This service assists women who would enjoy this type of employment as well as those college chapters in need of a house director. To continue to provide this assis-

tance, we must know of your interest. Would you like the opportunity to work with college Thetas as director of a Theta house or lodge? Do you have friends who would find this experience stimulating and rewarding? Please write Mrs. John Gallup, 3502 N.E. 42nd St., Seattle, Washington 98105 to indicate your interest or to advise her of qualified persons who would be available for a housemother position.

****CLUB QUOTES****

Kappa Alpha Theta is indeed for a lifetime. The few short years as a collegian are extended into many years as an alumna. The Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnæ program is vital and exciting, as well as productive. A major force behind the Alumnæ Program is the strength that the 218 Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnæ Clubs offer. Their goals and efforts are definitely meeting the broader demands of mature life.

The Alumnæ Clubs are in all parts of the United States and Canada and have memberships ranging from five to 110 members. Each club in its own way contributes to Kappa Alpha Theta and its own community. Last year, the Alumnæ Clubs donated \$6,000 to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation which is the philanthropic branch of the fraternity and \$7,000 to local charities.

In addition to giving over \$3,000 to the collegians and to the collegiate chapters, the alumnæ clubs varied their support by entertaining the collegiate Thetas at brunches, luncheons, parties and meetings. Many gave gifts to the pledges, initiates and seniors and some clubs bought needed articles for the chapter houses and lodges. This overwhelming support does not only come from clubs located in a college area, but also from those without a local collegiate chapter who must "adopt" a chapter nearby. Not only did many of the clubs offer financial and material help, but the members individually expended countless hours of time and energy serving on chapter advisory and house corporation boards. By working directly with the collegians, the alumnæ also help to continually maintain the highest standards of quality membership by manning rush recommendation boards, serving as authorized rush representatives, and enthusiastically providing recommendations for potential members.

The Club Quotes will give a better idea of the talents, efforts and labors of the individual clubs and the gratifications they receive. It is with regret that not all 218 clubs submitted "quotes," but each club is still to be commended and thanked. And, to those 5,000 alumnæ who are active club members, your efforts and generosity are greatly appreciated!

Each club would enjoy having as many new members as possible. To those of you who are not active in Kappa Alpha Alumnæ work, may I use a quote, slightly altered, from the Honolulu Alumnæ Club and say, "Alumnæ, to find the greatest aloha . . . dial Theta."

SHARON CIRESE GASSETT Director of Alumnæ Clubs

The Akron Alumnæ Club has been actively involved with many happenings in the past year, such as a picnic for Theta collegians in the area; a cocktail supper party and Panhellenic dance to benefit the Childrens' Home Allowance Fund; and a Punch Bowl Ornament Sale and Bridge Party.

The Annapolis-Severna Park, Maryland Alumnæ Club has many members skilled in handicrafts. Although only going on their fifth year, they supplement their cash contributions to the Foundation by making small gifts such as stuffed mice and Santa Clauses for the children at the Institute of Logopedics. This year they also turned their talents to "Theta Things" and sent "pansy plaques" to the boutique at Grand Convention.

Entertaining the college actives has been a fun pastime for the Auburn Alumnæ Club. They held senior suppers in December and May to honor seniors and those girls leaving to be married; a get-acquainted party for the 1973-74 pledges; and an ice-cream party for the girls in summer school. The club also sponsored sandwich sales for the collegians during finals and used the money to buy a gift for the chapter house. In addition to supporting the collegians, the club also worked to collect items to be used in craft activities by the Adult Day Treatment Center of the East Alabama Mental Health Center.

The Battle Creek Alumnæ Club has all of the alumnæ in the vicinity in their 19 members, and they have recently taken on a five-year program of redecorating for the Albion Lodge. Through the sale of pecans, with the help of a decorator and the cooperation of the Corporation Board, Pi Chapter will enjoy the efforts of the Battle Creek Alumnæ Club.

The Bergen County Alumnæ Club made Christmas stockings for the Martin Luther King Day Care Center and stuffed them with candy and small toys. Their efforts "made Christmas" for those tots attending this nursery school.

Birmingham, Alabama alumnæ worked together to make and sell Christmas decorations for their philanthropy. Socials included a couples steak roast and the picnic with the Alabama and Auburn collegians.

The Chicago South Surban Alumnæ Club has fifteen very active and enthusiastic members. During the past year they have had several interesting programs which have included a handwriting analyst, child care expert, a bridge party with Delta Gamma alumnæ, an oriental dinner and travelog, a visit by the director of women's studies from the university nearby and a very successful garage sale. The club donated their profits to the Foundation, The Theta Leadership Fund, the Illinois State Project, several local charities, and their local Panhellenic organization.

A most successful opening meeting of the new season for the *Chicago West Suburban Alumnæ Club* was a morning meeting and brunch where all young mothers were asked to bring their small children to the meeting! Babysitting was arranged for by the program chairman. The social gatherings were kicked off with an annual swim party with husbands. The fun continued with the "Ethnic Party" in winter, where everyone enjoyed food and costumes from many different ethnic groups. The group worked on a fund-raising project of selling Christmas cards and needle point kits designed by one of its members.

To stimulate additional interest in their alumnæ group, the *Columbus Club* president and past president came forth with an idea for workshop meetings to make gaily decorated burlap bulletin boards, "Johnny Buckets," and laundry bags to sell at anytime and at anyplace. These artistic women are not only adding to the club treasury and Foundation but are finding a new purpose with added fun for the entire membership.

The Danville Alumnæ Club is proud of one of its members, Jean Randolph Lewis, who is very active in the little theatre movement. All Jean's efforts are staged in the Randolph Theater, named for her mother.

Nancy Cruickshank Stabenow, a member of the *Davenport-Rock Island Club*, was chairman of the Quad Cities Panhellenic Santa's House which provided scholarships for area college women.

The El Camino Real Alumnæ Club can be proud of its achievement in forming a new City

Panhellenic. Through club members' efforts, a major campaign was launched to educate seniors about the Greek System; from this effort emerged enthusiasm from other Greek groups and thus the City Panhellenic was formed.

Elkhart County increased Panhellenic interest, when a trio of neighbors making up a Theta, Kappa and Pi Phi group decided to try a big luncheon at the local country club, to brighten the August scene in '73. It was such a success it was repeated in '74 with the addition of Delta Gamma joining the scene.

The newly-formed Frankfort Club is already enthusiastically aiding the state collegiate chapters. ADP, Fran Gerritz, when making her official visit, found the Club already planning many activities.

In the past years Great Falls has held a moderately successful Ladies Luncheon Show featuring Theta models. This year's show was different. Held in the Officers' Club at Malmstrom Air Force Base, our couples dinnerdance featured an all-male style show. Models were community leaders including the Base Commander, Mayor, City-Manager, City Commissioners, County Sheriff, business men, attorneys and clergymen. Entertainment midway through the show was a "mini-style show featuring Theta lovelies. As always in such projects a great deal of work was involved. We were rewarded many times over however, not only by the hundreds of compliments but by the great pleasure of presenting a check for \$1,000 to the Great Falls Receiving Home for Children.

At the Harrisburg Alumnæ Club Founders' Day Luncheon, they honored two of their long-time members; Edith Harrison, 90 years old initiated at Northwestern; and Helen McFarland, their 88 year old perennial Secretary, a Cornell Theta, with special pins. At another meeting, the club members entertained their own daughters who were ten years or older at a meeting to introduce them to the fun of being a fraternity woman.

Founders' Day celebrations in *Honolulu* are especially exciting because so many mainland campuses are represented. Sooner or later everyone visits Hawaii, and it is really a role call of the states. The Honolulu Alumnæ Club will celebrate our 105th birthday on January 25 with a luncheon at the Kahala Hilton Hotel. They would enjoy seeing 105 Thetas in attendance. Everyone is welcome!



Enjoying the Helen Dodge Taylor Memorial Garden at the Univ. of Kentucky are left to right: Thetas Jane Wheeler, Charlotte Clay and Leslie Pennington.



Shoppers come and go in Santa Ana homes opened for a Collector's Tour.



First prize at Tallahassee's benefit was awarded to the Wesley Foundation. Miriam Bauer Peirce (left), former club president and Donna Harper Askew (2nd right), wife of Florida's governor, make the presentation.



Margaret Cannon Boyce Brown, honored by Waco alumnæ for her long service to the community.



Barbara Elliott (right), assists a student, during her weekly volunteer stint at the Nelson Center.





Barbara Elliott (left) presents a check to the director of Iowa City's Nelson Developmental Center.

Theta visitors from the mainland will find their greatest Aloha when they come to Hawaii by dialing Theta. Put Aloha with Theta Love and you have built a kite!

The Iowa City Alumnæ Club made a successful bid in its attempt to hold a community-wide Spring Boutique and Art Fair. The profits were divided between the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation and the local philanthropy, the Nelson Development Center. Iowa City also enjoyed a Founders' Day celebration with the Beta Omicron Chapter. Just for fun, the alumnæ included their husbands in the two evening events; a buffet and art show and a dinnertheater party. Winning the first place award for an alumnæ club in a college town highlighted their year.

Under able chairmanship of Mrs. Ray Kinsinger, the Kay County Alumnæ Club held their annual style show and bridge benefit. All proceeds went to the Institute of Logopedics. Other meetings were a family picnic, making toy favors for the children at the Institute of Logopedics, and a Founders' Day dinner with college actives.

The La Jolla Alumnæ Club had a "bring your sandwich" luncheon. It was a most successful kick-off event and they will continue to meet monthly using the brown bag approach!

Lehigh Valley Alumnæ Club members have been working all year to put together a Cook, Craft and Thought Book which they will have for sale this year. Proceeds from the book will support their philanthropy projects.

Little Rock members have an annual "sacrificial dinner" for which members are charged a price that will enable the club to purchase a gift for Delta Nu, Univ. of Arkansas. This past dinner's gains bought a "Talk-a-phone" for the chapter house.

The Madison County Alumnæ Club gave a picnic for the graduating seniors. The club also awarded eight scholarships.

The Manhattan, Kansas Alumnæ Club is a young group with a growing active membership. Since the group is relatively new, what they lack in finances they make up for in dedicated workers. The most successful project has been the Kansas State Univ. Delta Eta Silverware campaign where they saved Betty Crocker coupons for flatware. In one year, they accumulated 70 place settings for the chapter house. Recently, the club purchased all new curtains and bedspreads for the girls' rooms at the chapter house;

and the alumnæ with the help of a few husbands painted the upstairs of the chapter house and waxed all the floors preparing the house for the school year.

The Miami, Oklahoma Alumnæ Club concentrates on helping with rush activities. The club members supply recommendations for the chapter and aid in hostessing rush parties during the summer.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Club is the first club in Mississippi. With 19 members and growing they look forward to many successful years and many new members.

The Montgomery Alumnæ Club made Christmas decorations for the Childrens' Rehabilitation Center. They received a plaque of recognition for this gesture, and their past contributions.

A most constructive, profitable and therapeutic project brought *Muncie, Indiana* alumnæ together for fun and purpose when their first rummage-yard sale was launched in the early fall. To their delight, they not only netted enough money to help them in assisting Delta Sigma Chapter at Ball State, but a common goal gave them unity otherwise difficult to attain.

The Naperville Alumnæ Club adopted a new organization called Naperville Area Transcribing for the Blind. The club helped with volunteer work and some new equipment. They also participated in a cookie exchange and silent auction of Christmas ornaments in December and a bowling party and cocktail party later on.

For the past few years, the Orange Coast Alumnæ Club has held a White Elephant auction. This year many treasures were included, from an antique pair of inlaid French Opera Glasses to a lovely pansy needlepoint pillow. Proceeds from this auction went to the USC and UCLA collegiate chapters. A round robin bridge tournament is a monthly continuing event.

The Pasadena Jrs. spent an evening of "Theta Madness and Melodrama." Volleyball, dinner, and Thetas and their husbands in an original melodrama rounded out a wonderful evening.

The Peoria Alumnæ Club works hard on rush recommendations for the girls in their area, supports Theta nationally, and works with the State projects. At Christmas, they usually give to a local charity. Peoria is an active club with great diversity of members and activities.

The Princeton Alumnæ Club joined with the Kappa alumnæ to sponsor a second annual

Greek night this year, and had as their speaker Mrs. George Linton, National Panhellenic Advisor. The alumnæ response has been outstanding each year with approximately 65 women attending.

Rancho Bernardo Alumnæ Club members come from all over the United States. The club recently traveled to the San Diego Wild Animal Park for a tour and picnic. This Park is unique in that it contains several thousand acres and is exactly like that part of Africa where wild animals exist. This outing is just one of many scheduled for the club.

The Salt Lake City Alumnæ Club is anxious to interest area Thetas in its activities. In an attempt to reach as many Thetas as possible, a recommendation writing/swim party/open house was planned. Along with strictly Theta activities, a dinner party was held for Thetas and their husbands.

For the first time this spring, the Santa Ana Alumnæ Club held a "Theta Talent and Treasure—A Collector's Tour." Three homes were on the tour. Refreshments, boutique items—by local artists and shops—were featured at one of the homes. The annual summer luncheon (all Thetas in the Southern California area were invited) was held in Laguna Beach with an opportunity to view the "Festival of Arts" where one of Santa Ana's own Thetas, Nancy Bowen, is exhibiting her paintings.

The South Bay Alumnæ Club—Day and Night groups—joined with the Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnæ to support a very successful Art-Auction-Cocktail party. Proceeds of \$2,700 went to the Torrance Memorial Hospital to help finance a children's orthopedic ward.

The South Bend Alumnæ Club is furthering Panhellenic relations in the Mishawaka-South Bend, Niles, Michigan area by inviting a different sorority group each year to join its membership in a husband-night event. Veteran alumnæ as well as newcomers are finding this social affair a fun way of meeting each other and establishing city-wide associations.

The Springfield Alumnæ Club began its season with a beautiful formal tea. Although informality seems to be the trend of the times, the tea attested to the fact that formality and its beauty are still much alive and appreciated. A contribution to the friendship fund was made at this time; new officers for the coming year were announced, and future plans were discussed. Sagamon State, a new State University

in Springfield, will find Springfield Alumnæ member Mrs. Donald Patton as one of the assistants to the President of the University.

Every other year the State College Alumnæ Club holds a Sew, Bake or Grow Sale to raise money for their projects. This year they will auction a quilt that they made together in addition to other items for sale.

Enthusiasm for the year's main project ran high among the members of the *Stillwater Alumnæ Club*. After hearing Nova Meile Henderson Cox, a Beta Zeta, Oklahoma State Theta, speak about the School of Exceptional Children in Edmond, OK, the club donated money along with clothing and miscellaneous items to the Thrift Shop which benefits the school. Most gratifying news was that the Foundation awarded a \$1,000 grant to the school.

A Garden Party Benefit involving the entire community is a new project of the Tallahassee Alumnæ Club. Preparations began weeks in advance with sending leters and talking to various clubs and organizations around town asking if they would participate by decorating a table with a song title as the theme. This year the first prize was awarded to the Wesley Foundation Chapel of the Upper Room for their imaginative antique chest, set as a table for a couple cleaning their attic and deciding to have lunch spread on it among their memories. Their theme song was "Memories Are Made of This." All prizes were cash awards, the money coming from the tickets sold for the benefit which meant winning groups could make a donation to their favorite charity. Our club cleared \$300 which was used to help hearing impaired children of Leon County as well as the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita.

The *Tidewater Alumnæ Club* of Virginia Beach kicked off 1974 with a delightful Founders' Day luncheon at the Three Ship's Inn, owned by a Theta mother. Twenty six Thetas representing 14 collegiate chapters attended. The gathering included two 50-year Thetas and one 60-year Theta. One of these special ladies gave everyone a fresh camellia from her garden. New officers have been elected and a potluck luncheon will be held in mid March. The club is looking forward to welcoming William and Mary seniors into the group with dinner and a short ceremony.

The Tuscaloosa Alumnæ Club held a picnic before school started to send the rushing actives off with a lot of renewed spirit. Along

with the fun of a party, area alumnæ worked hard to aid the active chapter in rush and were rewarded with a fantastic pledge class. The year continued with a visit from Robie Lacy, the ADP, and a farewell dinner for the graduating seniors of the active chapter.

An active and outstanding member of the Waco Alumnæ Club is Margaret Cannon Boyce Brown, Univ. of Texas, whose many achievements and honors both local and state-wide are evidence of her talents. As chairman of the Waco Cotton Palace Pageant she was responsible for the tremendous success of this event even though some said it couldn't be done. As Chairman of the Waco Junior League ways and means committee, Margaret raised the final \$6,000 needed to restore the Fort House first floor, Waco's first historic restoration. As an early chairman of the Waco Women's Symphony Council her idea gave that organization direction it still follows. Recently Margaret was elected president of the National Society of Colonial Dames in Texas. She is looking forward to guiding this group in preparing for the bi-centennial celebration in 1976. Her philosophy is probably best expressed in her statement saying, "We can't save the world, but we can enrich our own communities. If enough people do this, it will leaven the world." She has proven she knows how to enrich her community.

Since there are few active sorority alumnæ in the area, the Westfield Alumnæ Club is spearheading a campaign to revitalize the alumnæ and promote interest in the Greek system. To do this, the Westfield Thetas sponsored a Sherry party inviting all area Panhellenic women to attend.

Whittier Alumnæ Club's favorite and most

popular meeting this past year was the Christmas Boutique. Thetas brought "homemades," which President Pat Mendenhall auctioned. The money raised was given to a Theta collegian. A "Theta First-Aid" package was filled with home made goodies by the club members and sent with love to the college chapter at University of California at Santa Barbara.

The formal dedication of the Helen Dodge Taylor Memorial Garden was held on April 28 at the Gamma Iota house at the University of Kentucky. Alumnæ, Gamma Iota actives, and many friends gathered to honor the memory of Mrs. Taylor, who died on September 30, 1973, at the age of eighty-seven. She was the widow of Dean William S. Taylor for whom the Taylor Education Building at the University of Kentucky was named.

Accordingly, a Memorial Fund was established and letters were sent to some six hundred women who had been Thetas at U.K., telling them of our plans. The response was very encouraging and plans for the garden were drawn up by a Lexington landscape architect.

The garden is located behind the Theta house directly off the dining room. There is a brick patio, wrought iron gate, and a lovely statue of a young girl clutching a kite. At the base of the statue is a bronze marker memorializing Mrs. Taylor. The garden has rhododendron, many tulips and other spring blooming bulbs, and of course a pansy bed.

The garden was a way for us to say how much Helen Dodge Taylor meant to us and should mean to all the Thetas who will follow. It will always represent the faith and devotion not only of Mrs. Taylor to Theta, but of Thetas to her and to her Theta ideals.

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The newest Foundation program has a big name—Community Involvement Projects—and a big amount of Theta love behind it. Implementing its goal of doing for others, the Foundation has made initial awards of \$1,000 each to Theta alumnæ and collegiate chapters for community projects where other funding is not available and where Thetas are involved in services.



Increasing its original CIP \$10,000 budget by an extra thousand, the Foundation thus has given grants to eleven different philanthropies in as many communities. Their stories follow. And the word is out that CIP grants will be made again at the 1976 Theta Grand Convention. Announcement will be made later as to the amounts available and how to apply.

Translating IQ into a terminology all our own, we refer to it here as your Inspiration Quota. So, do you want to "up" your IQ and have a beautiful day with all the joy that inspiration brings? Then read the story below and the other ten that follow and find yourself proud of what Thetas are doing and gain inspiration from these examples of Theta-love-at-work.

Community Involvement-Dayton, Ohio

■ The Dayton Theta Alumnæ Chapter supports AIM, Inc., a national non-profit organization whose name is the acronym for "Adventures in Movement for the Handicapped." Through volunteers working with the AIM Method, AIM teaches movement to blind, deaf, retarded, crippled and emotionally disturbed children.

Besides supporting AIM with money—through a spring flower sale and sale of used clothing—Dayton Thetas give as individuals. *In the picture:* Ann Ferguson Tomsen teaches an autistic child to relate through touch. Other Thetas actively involved are: Nancy Dilts Hardy, Judy Euchenhofer Comisar, Sue Davies Palumbo, Marcia Sugg Coombs.—LINDA MACK WICK.



Community Involvement-Delta Nu, Arkansas & Beta Lambda, William and Mary

▲ With practically all Delta Nu Thetas at Arkansas participating, plus Karen Bussell and Char Bankston in administrative posts, the Thetas' efforts to bring the Fayetteville Infant Development Center to reality won the campus Greek Week Service Award for the chapter.

The Center, opened in 1972, serves the dual purpose of giving day care to children six weeks to three years whose parents attend the University and to give training to students in child development. Besides continuing help in Center planning and maintenance, Thetas enjoy playing with the children: *l. to r.:* Jeannette Berlau, Beth Kleuser, Joan Branham, Jean Bartlett, Ann Mendenhall.—CISSIE BURFORD.

▼ "Our all-time favorite project is the College's Circle K Club." So say William and Mary collegiate Thetas. Formed to help residents of the Chickahominy Community close to Williamsburg, Circle K uses volunteers for a preschool program, Saturday tutoring, weekend recreation and a Senior Citizen program. When Thetas found part of the programs might be discontinued because a proper bus was not available for transportation (picture at right) they applied for the Foundation's \$1,000 grant. In the meantime, Theta Marcia Carl found a personal way to help a Chickahominy friend, Helen Meekins, by giving her a no-longer-needed bicycle (left).—Allen Allison, Marcia Carl.





Community Involvement-Oklahoma City and Stillwater, Oklahoma

Meet Nova Henderson Cox, Theta from Oklahoma State, and her son Doug, who is retarded and has cerebral palsy. Nova founded the Exceptional Children's Training Center in Edmond, OK, which is operated by the Edmond Association for Retarded Children. The Center serves children from four to twenty, includes those both physically and mentally handicapped.

Because of Nova's collegiate sisters now in the Oklahoma City Theta Alumnæ Chapter and the Stillwater Club, both groups applied for the \$1,000 Foundation grant and have the EARC as their local philanthropy. Thetas give constantly of time, money and Thrift Shop merchandise to the program.—MARY THOMPSON DENMAN.

Community Involvement-Austin, Texas

▼ Sixty-eight Thetas and Theta mothers work in the program of the Austin Settlement Club Home, treatment center for troubled adolescents which is recognized as a model by child care professionals. The campus has three cottages, two for boys, one for girls, housing eight each. Theta's \$1,000 Foundation grant applies to the salary of a social worker.

Picture: Theta Club workers, front, l. to r., Winona Trent Elliott, Mrs. Harry Akin (non-Theta, SC pres.), Jean McLaughlin Deford, Kathleen Tyler Nitschke. Back, Helen Bean Mohrmann, Frances Morelock Rylander, Hilda McElhenney Griffith-plus Jeanne and Philip, SC residents.—HILDA McELHENNEY GRIFFITH.











Community Involvement-Toledo, Ohio

▼ The Miami Children's Center, Maumee, OH, is the Lucas County public agency responsible for the care of dependent, neglected, abused and orphaned children and provides treatment, training and education plus custodial care to help them grow into adjusted, functioning adults. Thetas from the Toledo Alumnæ Chapter serve as cottage sponsors for a group of 8-12 year old boys. With husbands, Thetas hold at least one fun activity with the boys per month. Shown: a fun activity, with, from left, Benny Barnett, Mary VanBrunt Robinson, Toledo philanthropy chairman; Joyce Blum DeWallace, Toledo vice-president; Robert Lewis; Kay Gustafson Merrifield, Toledo president; Mark Foster. -KAY GUSTAFSON MERRIFIELD.

Community Involvement—Birmingham, Michigan

■ Theta "aunties" from the Birmingham alumnæ group have been working since 1959 in one way and another with girls at Camp Oakland, a charitable organization helping homeless, neglected and unloved girls and boys of Oakland County. They are Wards of the Court, not delinquents. Girls' Ranch, a modern home for 18 girls, ages 13 to 18, has been the focus of involvement. Theta "aunties" entertain girls at their homes for weekends, hold birthday and swim parties, take them on trips to zoos, art shows and so on. Most meaningful is the yearly Christmas party. Some 70-80 Thetas—plus husbands—have participated in the program over the years, both as "aunties" and fund raisers.

Community Involvement—Indianapolis, Indiana

■ Gateways is a home operated by the Marion County Association for Mental Health to help rehabilitate women patients released from mental hospitals who need a "bridge" to independent living. Gateways, offering a homelike atmosphere, accommodates up to 15 residents who thus develop new friendships. The Indianapolis Theta Alumnæ Chapter aid here by helping carry on monthly social programs. These include planning game nights, bowling, picnics, holiday parties (in picture, annual Christmas party with Butler collegiate Thetas participating) and providing tickets for plays, concerts and movies. Personal gifts and money are also contributed by Thetas.—Judy Floretta Rush.







Community Involvement—Hartford, Connecticut

▲ Because some half a million in the U.S. are afflicted with lupus erythematosus and the number is increasing, the Hartford Alumnæ Chapter supports the Connecticut Lupus Foundation. Thetas hope to make lupus diagnosis and treatment better known. A chronic disease, sometimes in remission, a typical symptom is a "butterfly-shaped" face rash. At least three body organs are also involved—kidney, brain, blood or heart. Arthritis is a frequent symptom.

Thetas give financially to the Lupus Foundation (in picture: Karen Choate Robbins presents Flaming Festival check) while Randi Sigmund Smith has been on a TV panel and Karen Robbins is an honorary board member.—Jane Jobe Heath.

Community Involvement—Chicago North Shore, Illinois

▲ Top right. The new and growing Chicago North Shore Alumnæ Chapter (1970) has found a project which is new and growing: the fouryear-old Bernard Rimland School for Autistic Children of Evanston, IL. This serves 20 disturbed youngsters and is the only school in the state accepting autistic adolescents. Theta's \$1,000 award supports the school's pioneer vocational training program. (*In picture:* Theta Pat Nash Swaney, standing, observes a student working on a vocational project.)

Since 1972 North Shore Thetas have visited Rimland often, have donated materials and participated in tag days.—PAT NASH SWANEY.

Community Involvement—Dallas, Texas

Long actively involved in the Dallas Society for Crippled Children, it was only natural that for a Theta Centennial project Dallas alumnæ would underwrite the Theta Memorial Library in the newly built Treatment Center. Dedication was at Easter, 1974. The library is a highly specialized medical and scientific facility for the use not only of the medical and administrative staff, but also the area college and university students in training at the Center, and parents of patients. Reviewing library plans, in the picture, are: 1. to r., Librarian Jane Lani, Thetas Mary Emily Ferguson Hill, Kay Anderson Mackaman, project chairman and secretary-treasurer respectively.—Kay Mackaman.

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